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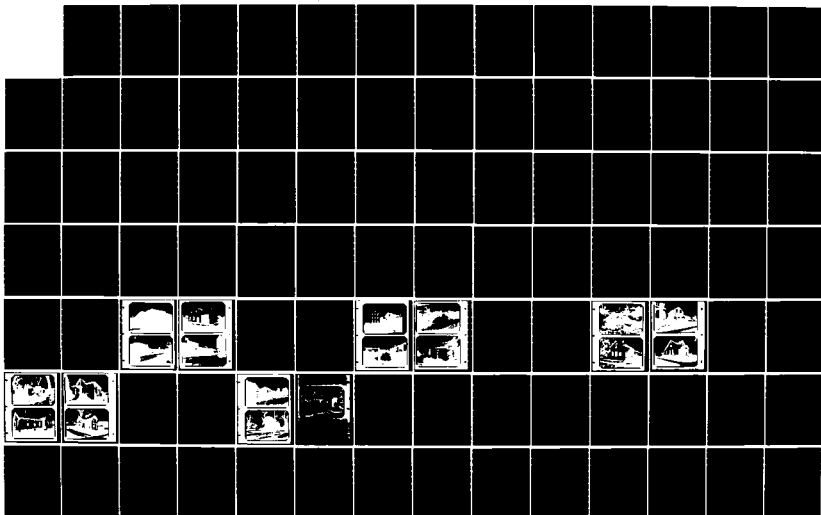
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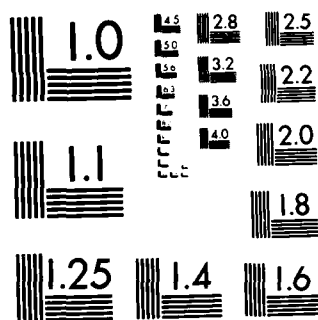
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The St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initiated the project to determine the degree of impact which construction of flood control measures would produce on the survey area. The impact of the flood control project is overall a favorable one, the protection of structures within the project area.

To fulfill these goals, each of the 218 structures and sites dating prior to 1930 was briefly studied by a street by street pedestrian survey. Each residential structure was later formally typed to determine their variety. Industrial and commercial buildings, the Portage Canal, the Surgeon's Quarters, the Fort Winnebago site, and the Indian Agency House also occurred within the survey area.

The comparison of a series of historic maps roughly dated each site and structure. Also, by such a comparison, the percentage of building destruction since 1929, 1894, and 1873 could be estimated. This study revealed the historic integrity of Portage's landscape. The analysis found that large sections of the survey area bear little resemblance to any period in the past.

Those areas which did retain the density and types of structures constructed within a 20 or 30 year span were recommended for further study. Rather than pinpointing specific houses, areas were isolated. Further, more intensive historical research and field survey would be better

able to select the individual structures eligible for the National Register. Not only were these selected dwellings significant because they typified Ward I's historic building types, but because they housed the industrial workers of Portage. The growth of small industries in Portage proved to be one of the most significant aspects of its history in the second half of the 19th and early 20th century. In addition, it was recommended that the Portage Canal, Fort Winnebago site, the Surgeon's Quarters, the Indian Agency House, the Merrell house, and the Plank Road tollgate house, most of which are now on the National Register, form one thematic district. This district would portray the tremendous difficulties encountered by Wisconsin and other Midwestern states in developing their internal transportation network.

Because the overall flood control project would affect sites favorably, i.e., protect them from flood damage; it was concluded that any of the three project alternatives: the rebuilding of a levee, the construction of ring levees, or waterproofing individual structures; which ever gave more protection; should be selected. Each alternative could require some site mitigation. And, in fact, mitigation projects recommended in the report might, in the end, enhance the site involved.



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INTRODUCTION

The contractor undertook the historical and standing structure study of Ward I, Portage, Wisconsin during October, 1981 for the St. Paul District of the Army Corps of Engineers. This project specified a literature and records search and review and a phase I or reconnaissance historical resource survey. Located in the City of Portage in Columbia County, Wisconsin (see maps 1 and 2), the limits of the survey area approximately coincide with those of the first ward of the city. On the south, the boundary runs west along the Wisconsin River from the east boundary of the city to approximately MacFarlane Street and then turns northwest along West Edgewater to Lock Street. Going one block up Lock, it then travels less than a block toward West Wisconsin and then joins West Edgewater and continues northwest between Edgewater and Cook until it joins the canal. Then the boundary follows the Agency Road along the canal to the Fox River. Coinciding with the Fox River in a southerly and easterly direction to the boundary line of the city, it then joins that line south to the Wisconsin River. Upon the United States Geological Survey map, the survey area appears on the Portage Quadrangle (1962) in the 15 minute series.

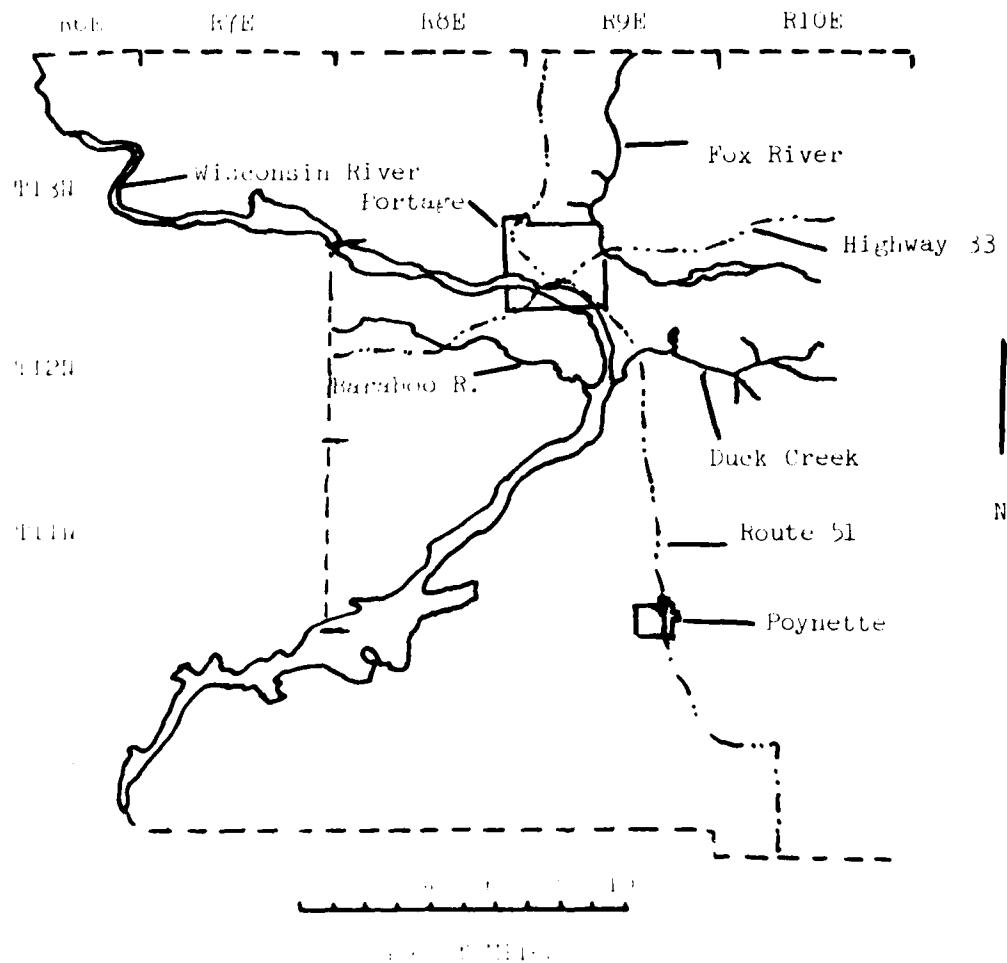
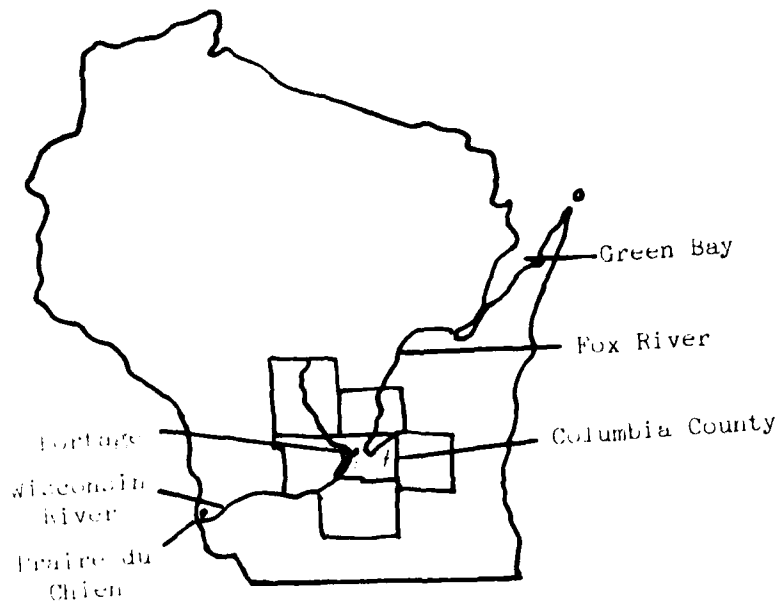
The House Committee on Public Works authorized a feasibility study, the Wisconsin River Flood Control Project of Portage, on June 1, 1972. This historical investigation of Ward I contributes to this project. Located in the Wisconsin River flood plain, the whole flood control project area runs south from the north Columbia County line to the I-90/94 bridge south of Portage. Ward I of Portage lies in a flood-prone area between the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers. Flood waters from the Wisconsin inundate the survey area while crossing-over to the Fox. The Army Corps of Engineers has selected several alternatives for control of this flooding within the City of Portage: (1) reconstruction and extension of the $3\frac{1}{4}$ mile Portage Levee, (2) a non-structural plan to protect structures in the survey area, (3) construction of ring levees around Ward I, and (4) a no-action plan. The purpose of this study is to determine if there are any historical structures or sites in the area which merit protection from these alternatives or will be affected by their fulfillment.

Before any construction may be undertaken, the corps must comply with the directives of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190); Executive Order 11593 for the Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment (Federal Register, May 13, 1971); the Archaeological Conservation Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-291); the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties (36 C.F.R. Part 800); the Department of Interior's guidelines concerning cultural resources (36 C.F.R. Part 61); and the Corps of Engineers' "Identification and Evaluation of Cultural Resources" (draft ER 1105-2-50 and draft EP 1105-2-55).

For the project at Portage, these laws require the Corps to locate, inventory, and nominate sites within the project area which are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places to the Secretary of the Interior. Thus, no eligible sites will be inadvertently altered or destroyed during construction. Further, the Corps must formulate its plans so that its policies and programs contribute to the preservation and maintenance of federally and non-federally owned sites, structures, and objects of historical, architectural, and archaeological significance. To allow the Corps to fulfill these requirements, this report provides an historical context by which to judge site significance, identifies structures potentially eligible for the National Register, and offers recommendations for further study for the actual determination of eligibility.

This study was a preliminary investigation to locate structures and sites meriting more intensive evaluation in a second phase of research. The initial phase included a literature and records search of secondary histories and primary sources including letters, records of oral interviews, maps, business directories, the census records, photographs, and 19th and 20th century newspaper articles. This search acquainted the contractor with the history of the area, the historical context of the structures and sites and thus established a basis for site significance. The study also included a review and evaluation of the accuracy of the historical materials and of the quality of previous studies of the survey area.

The first phase incorporated a phase I or reconnaissance level field survey. Its purpose was to identify any potential sites, structures, or districts eligible for nomination to the National Register. Any records related to the survey are deposited with Historic Preservation of



LOCATION OF PORTAGE

Map 1

Source: Hart, 1978:1, 3

the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.¹ At this stage, judgment of significance is based upon visual examination of the structures, specific historical documentation of the sites and structures, and knowledge of the historical context. Recommendations for additional survey for determinations of eligibility to the National Register are based upon this research.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Portage is located in an inner lowland, belted plain. Such a topographical feature is a product of pre-glacial and post-glacial erosion. Pre-Cambrian, crystalline rock underlies Portage, outcropping only west of the Wisconsin River. Long term erosion has reduced the Pre-Cambrian surface to fairly level plain. Laid down by late Cambrian seas, the Cambrian rock includes mainly sandstones with some siltstone, shale, and dolomite. Usually undifferentiated, the formations from oldest to youngest include the Mount Simon, Eau Claire, Galesville, Franconia, and Trempleau. An asymmetrical upland of alternate layers of weak and resistant rock, which dips slightly in one direction, was eroded down by the action of streams to form the sandstone plain. The weak rock between a ridge of resistant rock, a monoclinical ridge or cuestas, and partially eroded backlands or oldlands creates the inner lowland plain. The cuestas lie to the south of Portage, at the south edge of the central plain. This flat, gently rolling central plain has a maximum dimension of 55 miles north-south and 165 miles east-west.²

Surficial deposits around Portage rest on top of the Cambrian limestone. During the Woodfordian stage of the

¹Contact Historic Preservation, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 (608-262-2732).

²Lawrence Martin, The Physical Geography of Wisconsin (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1965), pp. 39, 320, 323; Rachel K. Paull and Richard A. Paull, Geology of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (Dubuque, Ia.: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1977), pp. 97-99; C.A. Harr, L.C. Trotta, and R.G. Borman, Ground Water Resources and Geology of Columbia County, Wisconsin, XII (Madison: University of Wisconsin Extension, Geological and Natural History Series, Informational Circular, 1978), pp. 1,2,5; Samuel Weidman, The Baraboo Iron Bearing District of Wisconsin, XIII (Madison: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, 1904, pp. 93-94.

Wisconsin glacier, dating from 22,000 to 12,000 B.C., the Green Bay lobe advanced over the area. Covered by transitory fresh water lakes, Portage's soils are derived from lake basin deposits.¹

The Woodfordian ice sheets altered the drainage of the Portage area considerably. The terminal moraines of the Woodfordian Stage diverted the Wisconsin River from its original, more westerly north-south path through the Baraboo Range at the Devil's Water Gap east to the west side of Portage. The river returns to its former valley south of the Baraboo Range. The creation of a bend and consequent lengthening of the middle course of the Wisconsin flattened the stream grade and is in part responsible for the aimless drainage pattern along the Wisconsin between Wisconsin Rapids and Prairie du Sac. As a result, large areas of the river's hinterland around Portage are undrained and swampy. Also, although the underlying sandstone is porous, the overlying glacial deposits are not very permeable. Thus, the narrow strip of land between the Wisconsin and Fox is a flat, swampy plain.²

Acting as a divide, Ward I of the City of Portage lies between the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, only 1.5 miles apart. The Fox flows north into Green Bay and the St. Lawrence, while the Wisconsin empties into the Mississippi. Since the Fox lies at least 3 feet lower than the Wisconsin at normal levels during high water, the Wisconsin crosses over to the Fox, flooding the intervening territory, Ward I.³

The soils which formed on the lake bottom deposits of Ward I belong to the Granby-Alluvial Land, Loamy Wet-Morocco Soil Association. A soil association may be defined as "...a landscape that has a distinctive, proportional pattern of soils."⁴ The same soil may occur in different associations,

¹Harr, 1978: 5; John C. Frye, H.B. Willman, and Robert F. Black, "Outline of Glacial Geology of Illinois and Wisconsin" in the Quaternary of the United States, ed. by Herbert E. Wright and David G. Frye (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1965), pp. 43, 47, 57; Paull, 1977: 100-101; Martin, 1965: 124.

²Martin, 1965: 125, 353, 363; Paull, 1977: 101-103.

³Paull, 1977: 101-103.

⁴Michael J. Mitchell, Soil Survey of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Madison: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Research Division of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin, 1978), p. 3.

but the association or patterns of soils distinguish one soil association from another. The soils of the Granby-Alluvial Land, Loamy Wet-Morocco Association are composed of somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained sandy soils with a sandy subsoil underlain by sandy sediment. Such soils are generally found on nearly level or very gently sloping floodplains. At Portage, although variations in local topography can be considerable, the overall relief is rarely over 100 feet and is usually 4 or 5 feet per mile from north to south. The composition of the association includes 20% Granby soils; 17% Alluvial Land, Loamy Wet; 15% Morocco Soils; and 48% miscellaneous soils. The most predominant soil series, the Granby, has the following profile: The surface layer is a black, loamy soil with a high organic content about 11 inches deep. The upper 5 inches of subsoil consists of a dark-gray loamy sand while the lower 9 inches is a grayish-brown sand. The substratum is a light brownish-gray neutral sand.¹

Early inhabitants of the portage describe the plant community as being prairie with large clumps of oak. Low growing grasses at least one-half of which are true grasses cover the prairies. In moist soils, sedges rather than grasses dominate the prairies. In the first half of the 19th century, visitors described the portage between the Wisconsin and the Fox as a wet meadow or swamp, often "... wet, miry, and almost impassable."² Jonathan Carver reputedly observed that the carrying place or portage was a "...morass overgrown with a kind of long grass; the rest of it a plain with some few oak and pine trees growing thereon...."³ Such descriptions also apply to the present community in less densely populated areas of the ward.

¹Martin, 1965: 39; Mitchell, 1978: 2-3, 8-9, 11, 37; Geological and Natural History Survey, Soils of Wisconsin (Madison: University Extension, University of Wisconsin, 1968).

²Mrs. John H. Kinzie, Wau Bun or the 'Early Day' in the Northwest (Chicago: The Lakeside Press, 1932 (1856)), p. 93.

³Jonathan Carver quoted in James E. Jones, A History of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1914), p. 39; see also Charles Whittlesey, "Recollections of a Tour Through Wisconsin in 1832" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, I (1854, reprinted 1903), p. 64-85; Mrs. John Kinzie, 1932 (1856): 93; John T. Curtis, The Vegetation of Wisconsin (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1959), pp. 10, 262-64.

STUDY METHODS

Literature and Records Search and Review

The written and pictorial documentation of Portage is substantial. To date, the majority of histories and more recent research reports have stressed the years up to the 1850's. Much of the early historical context included in the next section, the historical context, was drawn from these secondary sources with some confirmation from primary materials. A majority of the original research concentrated on the poorly known years after 1860.

The repositories of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin contained most of the historical materials utilized in this project. The Archives and Manuscripts Division housed a large collection of maps portraying Ward I. The earlier maps usually portrayed Fort Winnebago in the 1830's to the 1850's and the Grignon Claim which largely coincides with Ward I. The early plats offered little detail except for the area of the fort. The first map to show the City of Portage was published in 1868.¹ Because many bird's eye views prove to be quite inaccurate, the map was not used extensively in the study. The Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. maps of 1885, 1889, 1894, 1901, 1910, 1918, and 1929 and, to a lesser degree, plat maps of Portage for 1873 and 1890 provided the most detailed and accurate representations.² Giving information on the date and often the function of the structures, these maps proved to be essential in the delineation of significant areas.

About one half of the small collection of manuscripts relevant to the history of Portage were reminiscences of prominent citizens of Portage: C.J. Pettibone, G.W. Jones, Sarah G. Smith, Henry Munn, and Conrad Collipp. The manuscripts contained large sections unrelated to Ward I or to

¹See the bibliography of maps for a chronological listing of maps; A. Rugen, Bird's Eye View of the City of Portage (Chicago: Chicago Lithography Company, 1868).

²Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. Diagrammatic and Detailed City Maps (New York and Chicago: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1885, 1889, 1894, 1901, 1910, 1918, 1929); Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Madison: Harrison and Warner, 1873), pp. 42-43; C.M. Foote & Company, Plat Book of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Minneapolis: C.M. Foote & Company, 1890), pp. 26-27.

the City of Portage.¹ Manuscripts more relevant to the project included a biographical history of early 19th century Portage by John T. De La Ronde; the reminiscences of Louis F. Schultz who worked on the canal in the 1870's to the early 1900's; a transcript of a radio address on the Indian Agency House by Louise Phelps Kellogg; a letter from John H. Kinzie describing the construction of the Indian Agency House; and the papers of the Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company from 1851 to 1874.²

The Visual and Sound Archives at the State Historical Society contains a large collection of photographs taken within the first ward of Portage. These photographs were dispersed among three different storage areas: Early Views, Archival Lots, and the Classified File. The first file included numerous views of the Indian Agency House, the Canal, Cook Street, and individual houses mainly located outside the survey area. Most of these photographs dated to the early 1900's. The Archival Lots contained only one relevant view showing the Portage Cooperative Creamery in 1945-1946 (lot 966). Photographs in the Classified File, categorized by many subject headings, were too dispersed for thorough examination. Those files entitled Southern Wisconsin-

¹C.F. Pettibone, "Lists and Prices of Lots and Maps of the City of Portage, Wisconsin Showing Property of Chauncey F. Pettibone and Dating As Early As 1850"; G.W. Jones, Autobiography of G.W. Jones, "President of the G.W. Jones Lumber Company, Portage, Wisconsin," 1855; Sarah Smith, "Early Wisconsin" by Sarah Smith, A reminiscence discussing family history and pioneer Wisconsin in the Portage vicinity, typescript; Henry Munn, letter 1854-1873 from Henry B. Munn, Portage, Wisconsin, lawyer, mayor, and school superintendent; Conrad Collipp, two diaries, 1865 and 1868, kept by Conrad Collipp, Portage, Wisconsin in which are recorded figures concerning wages of employees and the sale of bricks produced at a brickyard operated by Collipp.

²John T. De La Ronde, "Notes on Laurent Barth and Other Early Settlers at Portage"; Louis F. Schultz, "Statement of His Life and Work in Portage, Wisconsin," Oct. 29, 1941; Louise Phelps Kellogg, "The Agency House," Radio address given Mar. 13, 1931; John H. Kinzie, Letter, Oct. 1, 1832 from John H. Kinzie to George B. Porter describing the construction of the Indian Agency House at Fort Winnebago; Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company, Portage, Wisconsin, Papers 1851-1874 of Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company, Portage, Wisconsin.

18015, Towns-Wisconsin-252, and Streets (Main Street)-255 offered no photographs of Ward I. In this project, the photographs were used to ascertain the degree of change in the city through the 20th century.

The Historical Society Library's listings, mainly entered under Portage and Columbia County, held a large collection of secondary and some primary materials. Under the first category were 1974 and 1938 histories, a 1919 bachelor's thesis, and numerous works dealing with the fur trade published between 1900 and 1940.¹ The Wisconsin Magazine of History and more recent news articles printed in the Portage State Register also contained short historical sketches. Except for the 1838 history, these sources relied upon the earlier 1880 and 1914 works² and primary materials printed in the society's historical collections. The more recent histories followed the older sources fairly faithfully. Frederick J. Turner and his father, Andrew J., both resided in and wrote about Portage's history. They printed many of their articles in A.J. Turner's newspaper, the Portage State Register, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These articles appear to come from their memories or from primary materials. Although some renown historians are more capable of broad generalizations than primary, historical research, it appears that these articles are historically accurate.

The 1914 and 1880 histories of Columbia County,³ as other turn of the century works, tend to be biased toward the more exciting events of local history and biographies. Although information concerning the recent past of each work is generally trustworthy, the histories removed by 20 years or more, a generation, often reflect all the inaccuracies which develop in oral communications. However, they do often reprint their sources in full, allowing the researcher to make some assessment of individual pieces of data.

¹Ina Curtis, Early Days at the Fox-Wisconsin Portage (Pardeeville, WI.: Times Publishing Company, 1974; Federal Writer's Project of Wisconsin, American Guide Series, Portage (Portage: Federal Writer's Project of Wisconsin, 1938); Inez Chapman Merrill, "The History of Portage as to Explorations, Indian Relations, and Transportation" (Madison: B.A. thesis for the University of Wisconsin, 1919).

²C.W. Butterfield, The History of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1880); Jones, 1914.

³Butterfield, 1880; Jones 1914.

The federal census, the Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and three business directories composed the primary materials in the library's collections. The 1820 to 1900 population and manufacturing schedules are available in their original form in the library. The 1880 population and manufacturing schedules and the 1900 population schedules are on microfilm in the microfilm room. The 1890 census and the 1900 manufacturing schedules were destroyed.¹ The census taker separated the population statistics for Ward I for the years between 1860 and 1900. Prior to that date, Ward I did not exist, and the area could not be isolated. For these earlier years, any population statistics included in the historical context reflect the whole settlement of Portage. Like all 19th century census materials, the Portage census undoubtedly includes inaccuracies in transmission of data. Also, each schedule is never exactly comparable to the next. Although quantitative statements appear precise, any conclusions reached using census data always remain approximate.

Lyman Draper, president of the society from 1853 to 1886, collected many original interviews from people associated with Portage during his years of service. These interviews

¹United States Bureau of the Census, "Fourth Census of Columbia County, The Population Schedules" (Manuscript at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1820); United States Bureau of the Census, "Fifth Census of Columbia County, the Population Schedules" (Manuscript at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1830); United States Bureau of the Census, "Sixth Census of Columbia County, the Population Schedule" (Manuscript at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1840); United States Bureau of the Census, "Seventh Census of Columbia County, Population and Manufacturing Schedules" (Manuscript at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1850); United States Bureau of the Census, "Eighth Census of Columbia County, Population and Manufacturing Schedules" (Manuscript at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1860); United States Bureau of the Census, "Ninth Census of Columbia County, Population and Manufacturing Schedules" (Manuscript at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1870); United States Bureau of the Census, "Tenth Census of Columbia County, Population and Manufacturing Schedules" (Manuscript on microfilm at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1880); United States Bureau of the Census, "Twelfth Census of Columbia County, Population Schedule" (Manuscript on microfilm at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1900).

were printed in the society's collections and then reprinted in the early 1900's. He contacted such individuals as John De La Ronde, Augustin Grignon, and Satterlee Clark.¹ Such sources are first hand recollections translated into writing only once by Lyman Draper. Although inaccuracies caused by lapses of memory probably abound, yet local histories are rarely dignified by such early, first hand recollections. The reader gains an insight into what became important to these early residents, the populating and growth of Portage. Draper also reprinted diaries and letters in the collections. Thus, many of the materials appearing in this source may be considered primary data.

The society's library holds a large collection of business directories, three of which relate to Portage. They date to 1885, 1890, and 1917-18.² Although usually incomplete since they often depended upon subscriptions for their listings, they do give some notion of the sort of businesses operating in those years. However, the researcher must remain aware of the biases occurring from possible exclusion of smaller establishments.

The Microfilm Room of the State Historical Society contains the 1880 and 1890 censuses as well as a large collection of 19th and 20th century newspapers. Because of the large amount of time required to systematically comb the newspapers printed at Portage, only a few selected articles referenced in bibliographies or by the card catalogue of the society received attention. Those written in the late 19th and early 20th century must be treated as oral interviews, recognizing the existence of inaccurate data. Further removed in time, those historical sketches written in the last thirty years are considerably less trustworthy.

¹John De La Ronde, "De La Ronde's Narrative" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, VII (1876, reprinted in 1908), pp. 345-65; Augustin Grignon, "Augustin Grignon's Recollections" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, III (1857, reprinted in 1904), pp. 197-295; Satterlee Clark, "Early Times at Fort Winnebago: Interview with Saterlee Clark" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, VIII (1876, reprinted in 1908), pp. 309-21.

²Rockwood & Goodell, Town and Country Business Directory Compiled From the State Census of 1885 (Portage: Rockwood & Goodell, 1885); Wright, Wright's Portage Directory (n. pl.: n. pub., 1890); John T. Farrell, Farrell's Portage Directory (Milwaukee: W.S. Farrell, 1917-18).

The Historic Preservation Division maintains the state inventory and the National Register listings as well as survey reports completed to satisfy federal historic preservation regulations. The section entitled Investigation Results will discuss the few entries in the state inventory. Philip Salkin, George Bartnick, and Jay Brandon wrote three survey and archaeological site reports which are curated by the division. In addition, a planning study by Frank and Stein Associates was found at the lawyer's office of Mr. David Bennett in Portage.¹

The 1979 survey completed by Philip Salkin in 1980 included a literature and records search of cultural resources of Portage with a brief architectural and historic site investigation. The planning of flood control measures along the Wisconsin by the Army Corps of Engineers necessitated the study. The report purports to cover prehistorical, ethnohistorical, and historical sources relevant to the history of the townships of Lewiston, Fort Winnebago, Caledonia, Pacific, and DeKerra, and the City of Portage. For this contract, the Corps requested Salkin to identify cultural resources through a literature search without a cultural resource survey. Also, he sought to place the study in a geographical or a regional historical context and find areas of high site potential.²

Although Salkin lists the major repositories for Portage's historical data; for example, the library and archives of the State Historical Society, the Division of Historic Preservation's site listings, and the Portage Free Library; he neglected important primary materials in them. Through

¹George Bartnick, "A Study of Alternative Water Treatment Facilities for the City of Portage, Wisconsin" (Unpublished report for the Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago, 1979); Philip Salkin, "A Literature and Records Search on the Cultural Resources of Portage, Wisconsin Area" (Unpublished report for the St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, contract no. DAC37-99-C-0203, Feb., 1980); Jay Brandon, "Preliminary Test Excavations at Fort Winnebago" (Unpublished report for the Museum, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, 1967); Frank and Stein Associates, Inc., "Historic Portage: A Study of the Feasibility and Implementation of Developing the Historic and Related Resources of the Portage Area as a Part of the South Central Wisconsin Region for the Governor's Portage Canal Implementation Committee, State of Wisconsin" (Lansing, Michigan: Unpublished report, 1968).

²Salkin, 1980: 1-2, 15

the use of the census, maps, business directories, photographs, and a few of the documents in the archives, he would have gained greater insight into late 19th century history and a more balanced knowledge of early Portage. Although Salkin compiled a lengthy bibliography, he fails to critique his sources. The author seems to view them with equal credibility.¹

Despite his desire to place the history of Portage in a broader context,² Salkin's report is only a recitation of facts in chronological order. Only through the knowledge of broader historical themes can the researcher understand the importance of each fact. And, often, Salkin fails to tie these facts together. For example, when dealing with Portage's history of the 1850's and 1860's, after references to the lumber industry, his discussion merely becomes a listing of events concerning the early newspapers, brickyards, schools, and the post office.³ Additionally, his historical narrative does not acknowledge any important historical developments beyond the 1860's.

The survey data determine that the historic resources indicate the importance of the area in the early history of Wisconsin from the days of the French explorers into the period of the early development of the state.⁴

Indeed, according to his narrative, Portage took on an air of permanency by the late 1790's.⁵ A study of the census offers a different conclusion. If he had extended his study to a later period, Salkin might have found a very transient society until the last quarter of the 19th century. He does not offer a reason for the sudden termination of his history in the 1860's. Evidently, once he failed to find written secondary sources dealing with the late 19th century, he must have concluded that this period lacked significance. Thus, Salkin does not understand the goals of historiography. Without the interrelationship of facts to each other and to a broader context, there is no historical interpretation. Without such an interpretation, the researcher can not judge the significance of his facts.

The Army Corps of Engineers did not require a site survey under Salkin's contract. Yet, he did attempt a brief pedestrian survey.⁶ He does not clarify his method of survey.

¹Salkin, 1980: 15-18

²Salkin, 1980: 11

³Salkin, 1980: 245 ff.

⁴Salkin, 1980: preface

⁵Salkin, 1980: 218

⁶Salkin, 1980: 18-19

As a result of his studies, Salkin includes a listing of sites from his own survey and the Wisconsin State Inventory in the narrative and Appendix I.¹ He lists only their addresses and occasionally a few haphazard descriptions. Exactly why he singled out these sites for discussion remains unclear. Salkin also fails to locate the sites on a base map. Without the knowledge of his survey method, a site or building description, or a preliminary discussion of their importance; such a laundry list of sites lends little insight into the history of Portage.

Salkin finds that

The number of historic structures in the Portage area is impressive, especially in relationship to the modest size of the city. Perhaps the slow and steady growth in the area, after the lumber boom ended around 1860, is partially responsible for the preservation of these buildings which might not have survived a more rapid development in a heavily industrialized city.²

Findings for at least Ward I emphatically contradict this statement. Study of maps shows that the face of this section of the city has altered several times. Admittedly, part of this section was the industrial area of Portage. Although recognizing the alteration in Wauona Trail by the paved road and its surrounding context,³ Salkin favors its preservation. Despite the fact that the Wauona Trail is a National Register site, preservation may at this late date be a moot point.

In his concluding remarks, Salkin advises additional surveys and architectural studies. At the time of the report's completion, more than these steps were necessary to adequately assess the significance of historic properties in Portage. While providing a long bibliography which lacked references to some important primary materials, his report did not offer the regional context set out by his goals. A stream of poorly synthesized facts unrelated to the broader trends in regional, state, and national histories does not provide the context by which to judge site significance. The researcher can not gain an understanding of the historical details presented by one site from a plethora of other historical facts. Further, a majority of Portage's buildings

¹Salkin, 1980: 284.

²Salkin, 1980: 250.

³Salkin, 1980: 256.

date after 1860, the period when Salkin's narrative abruptly ends. Is he then intimating that all these structures are not significant? A perusal of Salkin's vitae suggests that his training is solely in anthropology. It is evident from his report that he has not gained the proper education to deal with the historical record. Perhaps Salkin should leave the study of history to properly trained individuals.

George Bartnick conducted an historical and architectural survey of the City of Portage in 1979 for the Environmental Protection Agency. This survey was initiated by the proposed construction of a sewage treatment plant now at the north end of Wauona Trail.¹ Again, Bartnick limits his historical summary mostly to the pre-1860 period. Although he completed a windshield survey, Bartnick fails to indicate the area he surveyed. His discussion of significant sites only includes those listed on the National Register and in the state inventory. Unlike Salkin, he does offer some limited evaluations of his findings and gives specific recommendations for those sites which he does consider. Since the historical summary and limited site evaluations tend to remain separate entities, the evaluation lacks a larger context. Bartnick also did not cover all the sites in the inventory and did not discuss any other sites beyond this listing. Hence, this report also did not adequately pinpoint and assess the historically important sites and structures in Portage.

In 1969, Frank and Stein Associates, Inc. submitted a feasibility study and development plan for historic resources of the Portage area to the Governor's Portage Canal Implementation Committee.² In their introduction, they concluded that sufficient historical evidence has been accumulated to show the "...historical feasibility of the development of Portage...",³ and indeed, very little historical data and little evidence of historical research appears in the report. How they chose the significant sites for which they offered their preservation plan remains a mystery. They skipped several important steps in their planning process, i.e., those of historical research, site survey, and site evaluation. Frank and Stein Associates, Inc. recommended cleaning-up the canal and reconstructing the fort. They also pinpointed the Agency House, Wauona Trail, and Surgeon's Quarters as significant but did not incorporate them into their plan.

In 1967, Jay Brandon tested an area adjacent to

¹Bartnick, 1979

²Frank and Stein Associates, Inc. 1968

³Frank and Stein Associates, Inc. 1968: 2

the west bank of the Fox River and east of Highway 33 near the north tip of the survey area. He was attempting to locate the commissary building associated with Fort Winnebago. The purpose of the excavation included the determination of the extent and condition of site remains, the quality and quantity of artifacts, and the most appropriate techniques by which to pursue further excavations. Brandon did locate a building constructed of sandstone blocks and mortar. It measured 30 feet east-west and 40 feet north-south. However, he could not satisfactorily identify the remains. Much of Fort Winnebago proper lies on the hill directly above the excavation area on a privately owned farm (#142).¹ Variation in grass color indicates remains in this area as well. Unfortunately, the owners of the property would not approve excavation on their premises in 1967. Further work has not been done up to the present date.²

The main catalogue listings at the Memorial Library of the University of Wisconsin located most of the historic materials related to Portage at the State Historical Society. The Memorial Library itself contains little material pertinent to the project. The Geology and Biology Libraries of the university do contain environmental data which are incorporated into the report.

Repositories in Portage included the Portage Free Library, the Columbia County Courthouse, the Portage City Hall, and local historical societies. The Portage Library offered only two published works dealing with Portage history and a series of reminiscences.³ The library did possess a large photographic collection of Portage views which were housed in their vertical files and in the Porter Photographic Collection.⁴ Porter recorded the rebuilding of the Wisconsin Canal Lock in 1928. The large collection of photographs in

¹The numbers in parentheses refer to sites and structures located on map 2.

²Brandon, 1967: 1-3.

³William A. Titus, History of the Fox River Valley, Lake Winnebago and the Green Bay Region (3 vols; Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1930); A.J. Turner, The Family Tree of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Portage: Wisconsin State Register, 1904); Portage High School, "Portage Historical Reminiscences by High School History Students"(Unpublished typed manuscript at the Portage Free Library, 1949-51).

⁴Rod A. Porter, "Portage Canal, Photographic Record of Lock Building" (Gift of the R.O. Klein Estate, Dec., 1975).

the vertical file included views of industrial buildings in Ward I such as the Portage Coop Creamery (#94), Cuff's Feed Mill, Portage Hoisery Works (#215), and Epstein's Brewery (#113). They also show Fort Winnebago (#142); South Wisconsin Street in the area of Riverside Park (#42), then the site of Ward I School; and a view of Dodge Street. A majority of the photographs probably date to the early 1900's. Several drawers of the same vertical file also contained unpublished historical materials and late 19th and 20th century news articles dealing with the history of Portage. Because of the immense amount of material which often proved to be of little value to the project, the collection was not thoroughly studied. Some of the material lacked adequate references. Finally, the library housed four business directories dating to 1870, 1908, 1910, and 1929.¹

The Columbia County Courthouse and Portage City Hall possessed a few maps documenting the platting of the City of Portage.² Later, more intensive study might utilize the land records to trace the owners of individual properties. Making title searches difficult, County Clerks indexed land records mainly by grantee-grantor indices. The tract index begins only in the early 20th century.

To ascertain their holdings, four local historical societies were contacted: the Columbia County Historical Society at Pardeeville, the Lodi Valley Historical Society in Lodi, the Poynette Area Historical Society at Poynette, and the Portage Canal Society in Portage. The Lodi Valley Historical Society reported no materials relating to the history of Portage. The Poynette Area Historical Society could not be contacted. Established in the early 1970's, the Columbia County Historical Society holds only a few items dealing with Portage history. These include an 1882 Bird's Eye View of Portage and some historical photographs one of which is a view of the Portage Hoisery Company (#215). Guided by Mrs. Fredrecka Kleist, the Portage Canal Society owns extensive holdings related to the canal. While the historical research was being conducted for the project, these materials were not available for study. However, Mrs. Kleist offered her

¹L.H. Chapin, Portage City Directory (Beaver Dam, WI: L.H. Chapin, 1870); S.H. Moore Co., Moore's Standard Directory (New York: S.H. Moore Co., 1908-1909); F.H. Voshardt, Directory of Columbia County, Wisconsin (Portage: F.H. Voshardt, 1910); Smith-Bauman Directory Company, Portage Directory (Peoria, IL: Smith-Bauman Directory Company, 1929-30).

²For example, see the Guppy Plat of 1852, plats, sheet 101.

assistance and the use of the society's materials during later phases of the project.

The primary goal of the oral interviews aimed at an understanding of which sites the community itself deemed significant. Participants included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright of 413 Adams St., Portage; Mrs. Fredricka Kleist, 528 West Cook, Portage; Mr. David Bennett, 139 West Cook, Portage; Mr. Paul Dolton, Box 93, Lodi; and the Portage Chamber of Commerce.

Most of the above materials portray the early history of Portage. Analysis of census materials, business directories, and maps allowed the incorporation of additional data into the historical context for the second half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. The census materials were studied to ascertain the origins and stability of the population. Business directories along with the censuses of manufacturees indicated to some degree how the economy of Portage changed through time. A comparison of Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. maps ranging in time from 1885 to 1929 assisted in the approximate dating of domestic dwellings and located, named, and dated businesses and industries.¹ Because of the economic bias of these and earlier sources and the economic themes to which Portage's significant sites relate, the historical context drawn in the next section tends to be heavily oriented in that direction.

Field Survey

Each street within the survey area was walked to inventory approximately 218 structures and sites dating between the initial settlement of Portage and 1930. All of the National Register sites and the structures in the state inventory were inspected at this time. Covered with marshes and lacking road access, the northeast section of the survey area did not receive such coverage. Historical maps indicate no structures in the area (see map 2). Since the Corps intended this survey to be a brief investigation which took approximately 2½ days to complete, no detailed data could be gathered in this phase. The address, construction materials, number of stories, general house shape, existence of extreme modification, and degree of ornamentation were noted. Examples of each house type and some

¹Harrison and Warner, 1873; Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1885, 1889, 1894, 1901, 1910, 1918, 1929; C.M. Foote & Co. 1890.

streetscapes and industrial buildings were photographed. The later views indicate the large degree of modification in the ward. During the survey, each structure was assigned an identification number. The numbering system in the survey does conflict with the few site numbers issued by Historic Preservation for their inventory. Map 2 locates structures discussed in this report by the numbering system established in this survey. The records from the field survey are deposited with Historic Preservation of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Often, only the more architecturally elaborate or historically renowned examples of architecture find their way into state inventories and the National Register. This approach neglects a large percentage of the built environment. Often denoted as vernacular architecture, such buildings usually appear unobtrusive in size, lack elaborate ornamentation, and were inhabited by unknown individuals. In this report, vernacular will instead refer simply to the composition of the local architecture, both the elaborate and the less distinctive. It should be noted that the Advisory Council's "Treatment of Archeological Properties: A Handbook" instructs the Executive Director in consultation with federal agencies to consider vernacular architecture as potentially significant structures.¹

The major goal of the survey was to ascertain the different types of structures and their approximate dates. Such knowledge allows the choice of representative examples from the predominant types in any one period. Thus, a mix of types, some with a long time depth and others lasting only a short period of time, might characterize one 30 year period. Consequently, one type may appear in more than one period.

When attempting to represent different types of housing from a period in history of a locality, a district rather than individual buildings becomes the most valid means of preservation. In studying vernacular architecture, a single building does not portray the nature of the built environment. The different types of structures from one period in proximity to each other give a more valid representation of the past architecture during that period.

Knowledge of what has disappeared from the landscape

¹Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, "Treatment of Archeological Properties: A Handbook" (Washington, D.C.: Unpublished draft, 1980), p. 6.

plays an important role in the choice of a district. That is, the present streetscape or building density should approximate the period of architecture under consideration. The survey alone may not be sufficient to gain such knowledge. A comparison of a series of dated maps from the recent to the more distant past will not only date the standing buildings but indicate the numbers of structures which have disappeared from the landscape. So informed, the surveyor can select more representative streetscapes to create his district.

Recognizing the lack of detail included in the field survey, potential areas rather than individual structures were recommended for further study. The degree of modification of each structure could not be noted. Less elaborate buildings do tend to undergo a considerable amount of modification through the years, especially in flood-prone areas such as Ward I. For example, a large number of original foundations have been replaced by concrete block. Because of such circumstances, some degree of alteration would have to be tolerated. By choosing a potential area of preservation, a second, more intensive phase of investigation can determine the actual degree of modification and the units of toleration.

THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Introduction: Approach to the Judgment of Significance

To adequately judge the significance of a structure or site, the researcher must explore its full context. Such a context refers to the broader historical trends as well as the archaeological, architectural, and engineering merits. For Ward I of Portage, the significance of the sites and structures generally gain their importance through their relationship to the historical context at many levels of significance, for example, the local, regional, state, or national levels. Without such knowledge, it would be impossible to choose sites representative of the area's history. For instance, the Portage Canal only gains significance when the struggle of western states to improve their early transportation systems has been clarified. On the other hand, buildings nominated to the National Register because they are the oldest, the largest, or the most elaborate would warp the historian's view of history. Thus, a majority of the sites recommended for future study were chosen on the basis of the fourth National Register criterion: likely to yield significant data. But,

used in this report, the criterion's meaning has been interpreted to mean the preservation of buildings and sites which best represent some aspect of their historical context.

Periods of Development

To facilitate the establishment of an historical context for the interpretation of sites in Ward I, the historical development of Portage was broken down into periods. Depending upon developmental trends, the boundaries of each period are flexible and sometime overlapping. As stated previously, because of the nature of the sites involved, the construction of these periods reflects economic trends.

The Portage Between the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers: 1671-1848

From 1671 to 1763, France claimed the whole north-west territory which then included the State of Wisconsin. Originally, many of the early French explorers traveled west in search of a water route to China. In 1634, Jean Nicollet reached Green Bay and claimed its immediate region for France. At this time, he would have found a large number of unrelated Indian tribes in Wisconsin. Warring with the Menomini, Potawatami, Sac, Fox, Kickapoo, and Muscoute, the Winnebago held the area around Green Bay. The Potawatami had located at Sault St. Marie; the Menomini on the Menomini River and the western tributaries of Green Bay; the Sac at the confluence of the Wolf and Fox Rivers; and the Miami and Muscoute near the Fox River at Green Bay with the Kickapoo close by. The Sioux tribes inhabited the Mississippi valley. With the Sioux pressing eastward from the Mississippi basin and the Iroquois moving west, numerous tribes thus converged in Wisconsin. Frustrating the development of the fur trade, the Iroquois engaged in war with the French from 1640 to 1660.¹

¹Robert Nesbit, Wisconsin, A History (Madison: University of Wisconsin, 1973), pp. 22-25; Reuben Gold Thwaites, The French Regime in Wisconsin, I: 1634-1727, XVI of Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (1902), pp. xiii, 12; George I. Quimby, Indian Life in the Upper Great Lakes (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1960), p. 133, 142; Frederick J. Turner, The Character and Influence of the Fur Trade in Wisconsin, no. 11-12 (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Sciences, 1890), pp. 23-25; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 19.

Thus, in the 1600's, the French faced a formidable array of Indian tribes with and among which to keep the peace and develop their fur trade.

From the mid-17th century, the overwhelming interest of the French in the northwest territory revolved around the fur trade. Acting as representatives of the French government, Jolliet and Marquette reached Wisconsin in 1673. Although others probably preceded them, they are the first known French explorers to find a water route from Green Bay via the portage between the Fox and Wisconsin to the Mississippi. Their major objectives included the opening of the country to the French fur trade and the establishment of French relations with the Indian tribes. Between 1690 and 1691, Perrot established French presence near the Wisconsin by building a fort on the Mississippi River. He created alliances with the Algonkian tribes and managed to trade with the Sioux. However, intermittent wars with the Fox often closed the area to the fur trade from 1700 to 1738.¹

Wisconsin served as an important link in the French fur trade of the northwest territory, initially providing furs itself and later giving access to the western interior. At first, the French attempted to attract the Indians to trade their furs at one center in Montreal. Realizing the value of the fur trade by the late 1600's, the French reversed their policy and followed the Indians into the northwest territory. Under this system, establishing civil authority over the traders in the interior became impossible. The French solution resulted in the maintenance of several garrisoned strong points; in the beginning at Detroit and Lake Peoria; and fur posts at strategic places between them. Attempting unsuccessfully to limit the number of fur traders, the French required a license to trade. This system gave the commander of each fur post civil authority over the traders of his region and the responsibility to maintain the French alliances among the Indian tribes. Through such measures, the French attempted to thwart the English and Iroquois from acquiring the fur

¹F.J. Turner, 1891: 20, 25; Titus, 1919: 185; William A. Titus, History of the Fox River Valley, Lake Winnebago, and the Green Bay Region, I (3 vols; Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1930), p. 234; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 20-21, 24; Louise Phelps Kellogg, The French Regime in Wisconsin and the Northwest (Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1925), pp. 122, 194, 356, 364; Thwaites, 1902: 89, 151, 181-82; Nesbit, 1973: 25, 34.

trade.¹

During the first half of the 1700's, the main French post of the region remained at Mackinac. Although the location of a trading post had been established by Charles de Langlade by 1650, Green Bay did not become a French fur post until 1717. The largest settlement in French Wisconsin grew up along the Fox River near this post. Prairie du Chien became an important reconnaissance point between the French and Indian traders. However, the existence of an established trading post can not be documented until after the Revolution. Again, although there is no record until 1762, the French probably maintained a post at Milwaukee prior to that date.² With these fur trading points at either end of the Fox-Wisconsin waterway, the portage between the two rivers became an important nexus in the transportation route. There is some evidence of a pole or corduroy road across the portage, now Bronson Avenue or the Wauona Trail. To assist in the transportation of goods, the portage may have attracted some temporary French settlement prior to the 1790's.³

By the 1790's, the French had established their basic method of trade which would remain in effect through the fur trading era. Under the French regime, merchants at Montreal received the trade goods from France with which they supplied the licensed traders by credit. Located at trading posts, their employees, the bourgeois, supplied the voyageur with trade goods and other necessities. The voyageur made the actual contact with the Indians. Systems of credit became an integral part of the trade. It operated between merchant and bourgeois, bourgeois and voyageur, and the voyageur and the Indian. The Indian received necessary hunting supplies and other goods prior to the hunt and later traded his furs to repay the debt. Under the credit system, the Indian became locked into the fur trade. Creating a desire for European goods, the system substantially altered the Indian's material culture by 1760.⁴

As early as 1688, the English began to enter the fur trade by drawing Indians to Hudson Bay with their cheaper

¹Kellogg, 1925: 365-66; Nesbit, 1973: 27; F.J. Turner, 1891: 27, 31, 33.

²F.J. Turner, 1891: 39; Kellogg, 1925: 386-87; Merrill, 1919: 20; Nesbit, 1973: 34.

³Merrill 1919: 20; A.J. Turner, 1903: 9.

⁴Kellogg, 1925: 367-71; Turner, 1891: 32; Quimby, 1960: 111-12.

trade goods. Their appearance in the northwest by the 1690's had originally lead the French to build many of their fur posts. The French government's ultimate inability to maintain control over the fur traders, its only means of monopolizing the fur trade, added to the gradual loss of their Indian alliances after the Fox wars which ended in 1738. Although loyal to the French during early hostilities with the English in the 1750's, the Potawatami and Menomini joined the British toward the end of the French and Indian war. After the defeat of the French in 1761, the British quickly replaced them in the western posts and asserted their control over the fur trade.¹

The fur trade reached its height in Wisconsin after 1761 during the British regime. Reserving the northwest territory for the fur trade, in 1763, the British government forbade settlement west of the proclamation line along the Appalachians. The English adopted the French system of regulation along with the Canadian traders themselves. Initially establishing a post at Green Bay in 1761, the English abandoned it in 1763 and regulated the fur trade in the Wisconsin region from her main post at Mackinaw. During the British regime, Green Bay remained a small trading center under the authority of Charles de Langlade. Unable to maintain a licensing system, the British fostered the organization of large trading companies who engaged the long established Canadian traders to carry on the actual trading and located the necessary settlements. Utilizing the French fur trade organization and credit system, Scotch traders of New York organized the Northwest Fur Company in 1778. The essential large, long term investments favored such large companies.

Dependent on the fur trade by the 1760's, the Indians altered their tribal locations to the areas around trading posts and trading routes. The Fox-Wisconsin portage became a dividing line between the Sacs, located on the Wisconsin, and the Winnebago on the Fox. By the end of the 1760's, the Sacs consolidated their territory around the mouth of the Rock River. Initially residing along the lower Wisconsin and near Prairie du Chien, the Fox later joined the Sac to the south.³

¹Nesbit, 1973: 34-37, 39; F.J. Turner, 1891: 31, 49.

²Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 25; Nesbit, 1973: 39-45; F.J. Turner, 1891: 43-44; Louise Phelps Kellogg, The British Regime in Wisconsin and the Northwest (New York: De Capo Press, 1971, ori. 1935), pp. ix-x, 29-30, 197.

³Kellogg, 1971: 16; Jones, 1914: 88; Quimby, 1960: 147.

A few French traders located at the Fox-Wisconsin portage by the 1790's. Laurent Barth purchased the privilege of transporting goods across the portage in 1792 or 1793. He initially erected a house along the Fox River, possibly on the west side near the intersection of Highway 33 and the Fox. Jean LeCuyer purchased a similar right in 1798. In 1803, a Mr. Campbell acquired Barth's rights, and he in turn sold them to LeCuyer. After LeCuyer's death about 1808, his widow continued the business to 1812 when it was taken over by her son-in-law, Francis Le Roy. These early settlers kept a small store of goods for trading as well as maintaining wagons and teams to transport goods and conveyances across the portage.¹

Hoping to maintain their influence over the Indians and retain their hold on the fur trade, the British remained in the northwest trading posts at the end of the Revolution. Although evacuation of the posts, including those at Mackinaw and Detroit, occurred in 1796, the British still retained a strong hold on the fur trade until 1812. Under the provisions of the Jay Treaty of 1786, the British kept the right to trade in the northwest territory. During the War of 1812, British and French traders located at the northwest fur posts and other settlements, including the Fox-Wisconsin portage, assisting the British government maintain its influence over the Winnebago, Menomini, and Sioux. In many cases, these traders and their Indian allies resisted the American advance themselves. The Treaty of Ghent finally ended the British intrusions into the northwest fur trade.²

In 1816, the Americans finally gained authority over the fur trade of the northwest. Shortly thereafter, as it attempted to assert its control, the American government met severe resistance from the remaining British subjects and their Indian allies, particularly the Winnebago. To accelerate the Americanization of the northwest and extend its control, the government forbade foreigners to participate in the fur trade. In addition, the government established its presence in the northwest by garrisoning posts at Mackinac, Chicago, Green Bay, and Prairie du Chien directly after the War of 1812. For a brief time, the Americans altered the actual fur trade system. Trying to control their Indian relations through the fur trade, it established a series of

¹De La Ronde, 1857: 289-90; Titus, 1919: 186; Jones, 1914: 41.

²Kellogg, 1971: x-xii, 325; F.J. Turner, 1891: 446-449; Nesbit, 1973: 48, 62; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 28.

fur factories after 1812. The government fur factories sold the Indian trade goods at cost in return for his furs, but refused to offer him the credit required to complete the hunt. Without extension of credit and the traditional gifts, the government factories could not attract the Indian and pry him from the British sphere of influence. The government abolished the fur factories in 1822.¹

The American fur companies provided the main competition to the fur factories. They followed the traditional methods by most importantly establishing a system of credit and offering gifts. By the 1820's, John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company dominated the fur trade in the northwest. However, by the time Astor had finally seized the trade from Canadian dominance, the fur sources had become depleted in the northwest territory. Although the fur trade continued through the 1830's, traders began to suffer heavy financial losses during the early 1820's. Both the Grignons and Francis LeRoy at the portage reported deficits.² Further government regulation in 1824 insured the downfall of the fur trade in the northwest territory.³

Fur traders established trading houses at the portage during the 1820's and 1830's. Perrish and LaVoin Grignon, LeCuyer, and LeRoy, who had come to the portage prior to 1820, remained there into the 1830's. The Grignons and LeCuyer owned warehouses on the west end of portage, possibly where Wauona Trail intersects Wisconsin Street. LeRoy built the Surgeon's Quarters (#124) in 1824 and sold it to the American government in 1834.⁴ In the 1830's, Daniel Whitney erected two large store houses, one on the west bank of the Fox and the other on the east bank of the Wisconsin. Silas

¹Reuben Gold Thwaites, The Fur Trade in Wisconsin, 1812-1825 in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, XX (1911), pp. xi-xiv, 256-57, 260; Nesbit, 1973: 67-68, 77-78, 87; F.J. Turner, 1891: 57-60.

²Thwaites, 1911: 144, 232, 316-18.

³F.J. Turner, 1891: 61-62; Thwaites, 1911: xv-xx, 334-40, 366; Nesbit, 1973: 63-64, 86.

⁴Sources generally date this sale to 1828. However, a letter from E.M. Lucy at Fort Winnebago to Major General T.S. Jessup, Washington, D.C. reports the purchase of sutler's stores for conversion into a hospital and surgeon's quarters on April 10, 1834. But, the letter does not specify that the building belonged to LeRoy. (From a xeroxed copy of the letter in the Museum of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.)

Walworth maintained a post at the juncture of the railroad bridge and canal in at least 1837. In about 1817, the American Fur Company took over a post, a log house, and a barn just east of the Indian Agency House (#144). This post had been built by Joseph Rollette in 1812. Peter Pauquette served as an agent for Rollette until 1817 and for the American Fur Company until 1836. Jean Baptiste DuBay acquired this post in 1836. Probably the last fur trader at the portage, he left in 1857. By 1828, in addition to the buildings occupied by the fur traders, there was the sub-Indian agent's quarters and two other log houses on the west side of the Fox, approximately opposite the Surgeon's Quarters (#142). Thus, Portage's initial settlements had begun to grow at either end of the Portage.¹

In 1828, Lieutenant Twiggs located Fort Winnebago (#142) on the east side of the Fox River opposite the portage. The fort protected the portage of the Fox-Wisconsin waterway, already guarded by Fort Howard at Green Bay and by Fort Crawford at Prairie du Chien. Continual encroachment upon Indian lands in the southwestern Wisconsin lead mining district led to the Winnebago uprisings of 1827. The Winnebago surrendered to Major Whistler at the portage. Protection at the portage had been requested as early as 1820 by the Indian agent at Green Bay who feared interception of the water route by the Sac and Fox.² John Jacob Astor reputedly requested such protection from the United States government for this trade route in 1828.³

¹De La Ronde, n.d.; Henry Merrell, "Pioneer Life in Wisconsin" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, XII (1876, reprinted in 1908), pp. 369, 374, 385-86; Butterfield, 1880: 427, 502, 498, 393-94; Albert G. Ellis, "Fifty-four Years' Recollections of Men and Events in Wisconsin" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, XII (1876, reprinted in 1908), p. 240; Jones, 1914: 50, 54, 72-73; Curtis, 1974: 13-14; A.J. Turner, "The Citizenship of an 'Old Settler'" in Wisconsin State Register (1898), p. 81-82.

²J.M. Bowyer, Letter to Governor Cass from John Bowyer at Green Bay on Jan. 15, 1820 in Thwaites, 1911: 143-44.

³Federal Writer's Project, 1838: 31; Merrill, 1919: 6-7; A.J. Turner, 1904: 91; A.J. Turner, "History of Fort Winnebago" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, XIV (1898a), p. 91; Titus, 1930: 241-42; Jones, 1914: 43; H.A. Tenney, "Early Times in Wisconsin" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, I (1849: reprinted in 1904), pp. 96-97; Clark, 1879: 310.

During the first winter of 1828, the military erected log barracks east of the later fort (#142) and use the house of Francis LeRoy to provide temporary quarters. During 1829 and 1830, they built 7 barracks which formed a rectangular courtyard with two block houses at two diagonally opposed corners. Subsidiary buildings on the exterior of the enclosure included a stable, hospital, bakery, blacksmith shop, commissary building, ice cellar, sutler's stores, laundry, theater, etc. All these buildings were erected on the east side of the Fox River.¹

Appointed Indian agent for the upper bands of the Winnebago, John Kinzie was assigned to Fort Winnebago in 1829. Prior to the erection of the Indian Agency in 1832, the Kinzies lived in log barracks removed to the Agency Hill (the area of #144) from the area east of the fort (#142). In 1832, the government finally allotted monies which allowed the erection of the agency, a two story, five room frame dwelling with a one and a half story kitchen attached to the rear.² Living in their home only 8 months, the Kinzies left in July of 1833. Captain McCabe succeeded them for one year, and then the government assigned the responsibility to an officer of the fort. Individuals unrelated to the office of Indian agent occupied the dwelling thereafter. Saterlee Clark used the house for a trading post for a short interval about 1840, but his business proved to be unprofitable. In 1854, a private individual purchased the land and house.³

Although the fort served as a rendezvous for the Winnebago, no military encounters occurred there. However, since the Americans had recently dispossessed them of their lands, the Winnebago, now ranging around the portage, were a potentially hostile tribe. In 1832, Black Hawk, chief of the amalgamated Sac and Fox tribes, revolted against what came to be known as the Jackson Indian Removal Policy. This policy attempted to remove all Indians west of the Mississippi

¹See Diagram of Fort Winnebago and Outbuildings, 1835, drawn by O.P. Williams in Butterfield, 1880 opposite page 342. Also see A.J. Turner, 1898a: 72-73; A.J. Turner, 1904: 93-94; and Curtis 1974: 23.

²John H. Kinzie, 1832.

³Andrew J. Turner, Men of Early Day at the Winnebago Portage (Portage:Daily Democrat Printer, 1903), p. 5; Mrs. John Kinzie, 1856 (1932): 310, 319, 520; Kellogg, Mar. 13, 1931: 1-5; Louise Phelps Kellogg, "The Agency House at Fort Winnebago" in Wisconsin Magazine of History, XIV (1931), pp. 437-38.

and open their lands for white settlement. Troops, some of whom were residing at the inadequately protected fort, stopped Black Hawk's northern journey to join the Chippewa at the Battle of Bad Axe in 1832. The confrontation occurred about 25 miles south of the fort in Davis County.¹

Consequent to protecting the Fox-Winnebago waterway, the military presence at Fort Winnebago managed to keep peace among the local Winnebago and offered interim civil authority to the organization of local government. The fort provided several non-military services to the surrounding inhabitants. In addition to the several trading posts at the portage, a succession of sutlers provided the small settlement at the fort and Indians with supplies. At least three buildings near the east bank of the Fox below and southeast of the fort functioned in such a capacity. One of these was the old commissary store. The government appointed Satterlee Clark, who acted for Oliver Newberry of Detroit, as sutler in 1830. Henry Merrell acted as sutler in 1834 and was replaced by Harry Jones in 1835.² Soldiers of the fort also constructed part of the Old Military Road after the close of the Black Hawk War. It ran from Fort Howard at Green Bay, through Portage, to Fort Crawford at Prairie du Chien. The road not only gave the military access to the interior of Wisconsin, but served as a thoroughfare for later settlement.³

Fort Winnebago remained garrisoned until 1845, when the army evacuated it. In 1853, the fort was sold at public auction. In March, 1856, a fire destroyed or badly damaged many of its buildings. During the late 19th century, inhabitants of Portage dismantled much of the remaining fort, scavenging the ruins for building materials. By 1871, only the commissary building, part of the Surgeon's Quarters, and the hospital were fairly intact. A farm house now stands upon the site of the fort. The old commissary building, which had been moved to the farm, was torn down in 1912. The Surgeon's

¹Mrs. John Kinzie, 1856 (1932): 46, 48, 472-75, 508; A.J. Turner, 1898a: 89; Whittlesey, 1853: 64, 71-72; Clark, 1879: 312-18; Nesbit, 1973: 85.

²Clark, 1879: 311; Merrell, 1876: 82, 373; A.J. Turner, 1904: 102; A.J. Turner, 1903: 27; O.P. Williams, Diagram of Fort Winnebago and Outbuildings in Butterfield, 1880: opposite p. 342; Jones, 1914: 55

³Titus, 1930: 240; Butterfield, 1880: 385; A.J. Turner, 1904: 107.

Quarters is now the only remaining building of Fort Winnebago.¹

The Establishment of the City of Portage and Ward I: 1840-1860

The lands surrounding Fort Winnebago began to attract a permanent settlement in the 1840's. Because the city straddles the boundaries of Indian lands, the history of Portage's land jurisdiction is quite complexed and requires unraveling prior to historical research in primary records. The federal government organized Portage into the following territories: Indiana, 1800-1809; Illinois, 1809-1818; Michigan, 1818-1836; Wisconsin, 1836-1848; and the State of Wisconsin after 1848; and counties: Wayne, 1790-1809; St. Clair, 1809-1812; Madison, 1812-1818; Brown and Crawford, 1818-1829; Portage, 1829-1846; and Columbia after 1846; and towns: Winnebago-Portage Precinct, 1841-1849; Port Hope, 1849-1850; Fort Winnebago, 1850-1852; Portage City, 1852-1854; and City of Portage after 1854. Note that Ward I was placed in Brown County between 1818 and 1829.²

On April 2, 1832, the federal government patented to Augustin Grignon a 648 acre tract, the first land conveyed to a Portage citizen in Columbia County. The Grignon Tract, or French Claim No. 21, covers all of Ward I and includes small parts of Wards II, III, and IV of the City of Portage. The boundaries of the claim coincide fairly closely with those of the survey area on the east, south, and north sides. The government had originally granted this claim to John LeCuyer at an unknown date and he sold it to Grignon. Grignon then sold this tract to Daniel Whitney of Green Bay in 1832. In 1836, Sheldon Thompson of Buffalo, New York and De Gambo Jones of Detroit purchased the tract. They sold it to Webb and Bronson in 1844. Their unofficial plat of the tract, called the Town of Fort Winnebago, was drawn by John Mullett in 1849.³

¹Titus, 1919: 188; Jones, 1914: 54-55; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 34; A.J. Turner, 1898a: 95-98; Portage Weekly Democrat, Souvenir Edition, "Early History of Columbia County," July 30, 1897, p. 1; Portage Register Democrat, "Way Back When: Bits of History From the Files," Aug. 29, 1938.

²A.J. Turner, 1898: 1-5; Wisconsin Historical Records Survey, Origin and Legislative History of County Boundaries in Wisconsin (Madison: The Wisconsin Historical Records Survey, 1942), pp. 30, 59, 160.

³A.J. Turner, 1904: 66-69; Jones, 1914: 75-76; F.J. Turner, 1903: 1-2; Butterfield, 1880: 600-601; "Webb & Bronson Plat of Fort Winnebago" (1849), Columbia County Courthouse in deeds, vol. 2, p. 288 and plats, sheet 103.

The land occupied by the City of Portage, including the Grignon Claim and the lands north and west of it and south of the Wisconsin and west of the Fox, remained unsurveyed until 1851.¹ However, the original survey maps note the location of Portage, thus indicating that squatters had located upon the unsurveyed lands.² Because the Menomini had not ceded their lands to the federal government until 1849, the territory north and west of the Grignon Claim had not entered the land market. The government gained actual possession in 1851. The City of Portage was platted in 1852.³ Incorporated as a city in 1854, Portage then included the Grignon Claim. The incorporation provided for the division of the city into wards. At that time, Ward I included all the lands south and east of the canal.⁴ In the 20th century, the ward boundaries have been altered approximately every 10 years to reflect changes in the population density. Presently, the west boundary of Ward I extends to approximately Edgewater Street.⁵

The settlement of early Portage in the 1840's initially occurred in three separate areas: (1) around the fort (#142) on both sides of the Fox River, (2) in the lowlands along the Wisconsin River near the present Wauona Trail, and (3) near the present business area of the City of Portage. No longer extant, the first cluster had developed during the 1830's and has been described (see p. 27). It mainly provided services for the fort. Besides the Surgeon's Quarters (#143) and the Agency House (#144), Henry Merrell's dwelling

¹Butterfield, 1880: 364; Commissioner of Public Lands, Federal Survey (1851) in plat book, vol. 6, series 6/0/1 (698); U.S. Army, "Plat of Fort Winnebago Reserve, Sept. 10, 1866, Part of Township 12 and 13, Range 9 E, 4th Mer.," book 35, p. 291.

²These earlier land entries are not shown by the Land Entry Book of the Columbia Courthouse, but were placed in the Town Site Records now kept by the Bureau of Land Management. To order such records, contact Mrs. Rebecca Loritts, Bureau of Land Management, 350 So. Pickett St., Alexandria, Va. 22304.

³The plat is known as the Guppy Plat located at the Columbia County Courthouse, Portage, plats, sheet 102; Jones, 1914: 20-21, 58, 79; Nesbit, 1973: 98; Butterfield, 1880: 603-604, 365; A.J. Turner, "The Early Mapping of Columbia County" in Wisconsin State Register, Sept. 21, 1895, p. 1 and Sept. 28, 1895, p. 1.

⁴Butterfield, 1880: 606-610.

⁵For a description of the present boundaries see Ordinance No. 1178, Ordinance Relative to Re-warding, Section 1-03(1).

(#126), built in 1837 or 1838, are the only remaining structures from that complex.¹ In the 1840's, much of Portage was located on the lowlands along the Wisconsin side of the Portage, south of the Canal. Consisting of dwellings and a few retail stores, settlement appears to have centered around several hotels placed along the Wauona Trail and an adjacent area of Wisconsin Street.² Somewhat later, probably the late 1840's and prior to the 1851 land survey, settlers established the business district of Portage. At First, the settlement confined itself to an area east of DeWitt and south of Pleasant, centering on the two block-long Main Street. Later, development expanded west on Cook Street.³

Paralleling the growth of many Midwestern towns, Portage's population began to expand rapidly between 1838 and 1858 (see table, p. 33). By 1850, the total population of Portage had reached 1173.⁴ Fifty percent of the total population and 60% of the adult population were foreign born. Another 26% came from New England and New York, 17% of the total population and 1% of the adult population from Wisconsin and surrounding states, and only 5% from the remaining states. At this time, the Irish composed 40% of adult foreign born population, while the German group reached only 2%.⁵

A population composed mainly of Yankees and an even higher number of foreign born appears typical for the State of Wisconsin between 1840 and 1860.⁶ By 1840, the New England soil had become depleted. Wealthy enough to improve their financial position by western migration, yet without other occupations to absorb them, New Englanders began emigrating westward through Upstate New York. When its agricultural

¹Butterfield, 1880: 430-31, 499, 588, 592.

²Louis Schultz, 1941; Butterfield, 1880: 592; Portage Weekly Democrat, July 30, 1897; Wisconsin State Register, "Twenty-four Years Ago: Reminiscences of Portage, Wisconsin," June 13, 1874.

³Wisconsin State Register, June 13, 1874; Curtis, 1974: 52-53.

⁴Butterfield, 1880: 588; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 35-36. Since Ward I had not been created, it was not possible to isolate this area in the 1850 census. However, the state census reported 612 in 1855 for Ward I. From Butterfield, 1880: 590.

⁵U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1850.

⁶Nesbit, 1973: 148, 151.

TABLE OF POPULATION COMPOSITION OF WARD I¹

Origin		1850 ²	1860	1870	1880	1890 ³
Percentage of Total Population						
New England & New York:	total	26%	13%	26%	5%	4%
	adult	27	13	11	6	7
South:	total	2	1	5	0	.2
	adult	3	3	6	0	.3
Mid-Atlantic:	total	3	1	2	5	8
	adult	4	3	3	1	1
Mid-West	total	19	33	24	54	66
	adult	7	3	3	17	40
Total of foreign born:	total	50	52	50	41	28
	adult	60	80	85	75	51
Irish:	total	31	17	11	8	3
	adult	40	33	19	17	6
German:	total	2	18	22	24	21
	adult	2	28	42	42	27
Percentage of Foreign Born						
Irish:	total	61	17	21	20	12
	adult	67	41	28	22	12
German:	total	3	35	45	58	73
	adult	3	35	49	56	73
Percent Male-Female-Children						
Total Number ⁴		1173	741	664	652	660
Male		41	26	25	24	27
Female		21	22	23	24	28
Children		38	52	52	52	45

¹These percentages are only approximate.

²The year 1850 is based on the entire population of Portage, not just Ward I. Ward I had not yet been created.

³The 1890 census burned.

⁴Not a percentage.

lands were opened to settlement, they proceeded to flood Wisconsin. Undergoing political unrest and economic instability at home, yet, again, prosperous enough to migrate, the Irish generally sought urban areas or towns where construction projects for railroads or canals required a large labor force. Attracting large numbers of Irish laborers, the construction of the Portage Canal had begun by the state in 1838.¹ Except for the small percentage of German-born, Portage's population composition paralleled the rest of the state.²

Inspection of the 1850 census indicates a largely mobile population. Of the adult population, 41% was male while 21% was female.³ In addition, the census listed a large number of males as lumberman and canal diggers. These same individuals generally lived in boarding houses, called hotels in the census, or with private families. The extremely large size of the households is in part explained by the number of boarders they housed. Such evidence points to a high level of mobility with a small stable population base. This continuous turnover with a high percentage of foreign born must have resulted in considerable social instability in the 1850's.

The movement of people and goods from Wisconsin's waterways into the interior proved to be one of the state's most difficult problems. The diversification and growth of the pioneer economy depended on the development of a transportation network.⁴ Connecting the Great Lakes to the Mississippi, the Fox-Wisconsin waterway had provided such a route during the fur trading era. Improvement of this route offered the logical solution.

In 1837, the Portage Canal Company received a charter to build a canal along the portage. Work began in 1838 at the Fox River. The proposed route was to follow what is now the Wauona Trail. Becoming too expensive, the project was soon abandoned. Investigating the possibility of its development for navigational purposes, Thomas Jefferson Cram surveyed the waterway for the federal government in 1839.⁵ After the admission of Wisconsin to the Union in 1848, the federal government offered the state a land grant to

¹Nesbit, 1973: 51, 103, 150-57; Wisconsin State Register, June 13, 1874.

²Nesbit, 1973: 156-57.

³U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1850.

⁴Nesbit, 1973: 189-90.

⁵Jones, 1914: 92; Butterfield, 1880: 610; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 40.

finance the building of the canal and locks. Guided by the State Board of Public Works, construction began again in 1849 along the present route of the canal (see map 2). Although much of the canal was excavated, workers again abandoned the project in 1851. Sales from the land grants failed to cover the cost of construction. In addition, the canal proved too small to accommodate steam ships of any size; its banks remained too unstable; and navigation of the Wisconsin River was still extremely difficult. Neither the state nor companies created for the purpose were able to attract enough funding to adequately complete the canal. The project lay idle through the 1860's.¹ The booster spirit, that immense desire of Midwestern towns to materially advance and improve themselves, lost the necessary impetus to complete the project during the period when Wisconsin could derive the greatest benefit from it.

Citizens of Portage also participated in the brief enthusiasm of the 1840's and 1850's over plank roads. In 1851, the state incorporated the Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company, a joint stock company. When completed, sometime between 1852 and 1855, the road extended from Pauquette Street south on Wisconsin in Portage and terminated near Duck Creek. The company erected two toll-gate houses (#43) at either terminus. The planks served as a relatively cheap means of hard-surfacing the road bed to make muddy roads more passable. Exactly how long the original plank road remained in use is not clear. Approximately the same road bed was surfaced with concrete in 1921.² Such roads offered a partial solution to the most pressing transportation problem, that of short distance travel. Without adequate roads, agricultural products could not move.

Lying on a major transportation route between Green Bay and the Mississippi, Portage attracted a large volume of the trade within its region. It directly served a local radius of about 60 miles. This trade fostered Portage's rapid growth in the 1850's.³ Prior to the 1860's, Wisconsin

¹Jones, 1914: 91-93; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 41-43; Butterfield, 1880: 449, 610-11.

²Nesbit, 1981: 181; Dorothy McCarthy, "Tales of Old Portage" in Portage Daily Register, Feb. 16, 1959, p. 8; Dorothy McCarthy, "Biography of a Toll Road" in Portage Daily Register, Oct. 18, 1969, p. 2; Dorothy McCarthy, "The Old Plank Road" in Portage Daily Register, July 20, 1974, p. 2; Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company, 1851-1874.

³River Times, Nov. 21, 1856, quoted in Chapman, 1919: 27; see also Portage Weekly Democrat, July 30, 1897; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 36, 77; Butterfield, 1880: 588.

farmers primarily depended on one cash crop, wheat, for their livelihood. By 1860, Wisconsin had become the leading grain producing state. Their profit rested upon their ability to market the wheat at nearby trading centers. Portage served as such a center in this period.¹ In addition to serving the farmers, Portage supplied the lumber companies operating to the north in the pine forests. The lumber rafts began to descend the Wisconsin to the Mississippi in 1839. Not only did the city supply the companies, but it maintained numerous hotels to house the lumbermen as well as transient laborers working on the canal and, later, the railroad. Between 1838 and 1860, Portage entrepreneurs erected at least eleven hotels, all located in Ward I, to take advantage of the trade. None of these hotels remain. Thus, much of the business of early Portage centered around the first ward.²

During the 1840's and beyond, many small industries processed local products. A large number of them were located in the first ward: the lumber yard of Michael Van Winter (ca. 1850); the sawmills of Solomon Leach (ca. 1843-1845) and Campbell and Scott (1850-1852); the planing mill of Carnagie and Learmonth (1851); the flour mill of McNeal and Burger (1854-1870); the grain warehouse of C.W. Mappa (ca. 1851); the iron works of Smith and Blair (1853); the Fife Iron Works; and the Epstein Brewery (1849).³ Processing local raw materials; barley, wheat, and lumber; the local brewery, sawmills, and flour mills remained important to the Wisconsin economy through the 1860's.⁴ Of these industries only one building of the Epstein Brewery (#113) now stands. Thus, even without the canal, Portage remained at least a regional trading center, suppling local farmers and lumbermen and processing their products.

¹Nesbit, 1973: 90, 181.

²Portage Daily Register, "Portage Today and Yesterday," Dec. 14, 1923; Butterfield, 1880: 408, 434-35, 439, 593, 653-54; Curtis, 1974: 51-52; A.J. Turner, 1898: 79; Portage Daily Weekly, July 30, 1897; Schultz, 1941; A.J. Turner, 1904: 101; Mrs. Arthur Swanson, Radio talk given by Mrs. Arthur Swanson, June, 1852 (typescript).

³Portage Daily Register, "Historic Dates of Portage," Sept. 3, 1909; Butterfield, 1880: 594, 623, 633-34; Wisconsin State Register, June 13, 1874; A.J. Turner, 1903: 36; Louis Schultz, 1941; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 38.

⁴Nesbit, 1973: 333, 267, 298.

The Establishment of the Railroad: 1860-1880

During the 1860's and 1870's, Portage appears to remain unstable in its population composition (see table, p. 33). From 1850, the percentage of foreign born increased, compensating for a decline in the numbers from the New England states. However, the 1860 census reported 26% of all the population and only 11% of the adult population from New England. This discrepancy seems to represent the birth of many children of foreign born parentage soon after their arrival in New York. The numbers of Irish markedly decreased while the number of German increased. With these alterations in the population, which definitely de-accelerated between 1860 and 1870, there must still be considerable movement into and from the ward. Visual inspection of the occupations listed in the 1860 census indicates a large number of laborers working for the railroad and raftsmen. Finally, indicating a decline in population, the census of 1860 shows 55 unoccupied houses. Such evidence again points to great instability in the population. On the other hand, perhaps favoring a slightly more permanent population, the percentage of male and female adults has equalized and, toward the end of the period, the number of boarders has declined. Probably adding to the social antagonisms of an unstable society, clusters of German and Irish nationalities appear in the census.

This population composition in Ward I was present statewide. By 1860, the number of Irish had dropped in deference to those of German and Scandinavian origin. A large influx of German population into the state occurred in 1866. By 1885, one-third of Wisconsin's population was of German origin or descent. The Germans left their homeland as the old agrarian order began to collapse in the face of rising industrialization. They evidently desired to retain their familiar world. The German Turnverein, in America often dedicated to the preservation of certain elements of German culture, was organized in Portage in 1877.¹ In such a context, the reasons why Germans enclaves might form in Portage become more clear. In addition, the nativistic movement had begun by the 1850's in the Midwest. However, its strength in Portage is unknown.²

¹Nesbit, 1973: 155-56; Butterfield, 1880: 661; Kate Everest Levi, "Geographical Origin of German Immigration to Wisconsin" in Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, XIV (1898), p. 312-14.

²Nesbit, 1973: 352.

Not only did railroad construction attract a large number of foreign born workers, but it had a definite effect upon the growth of Portage. Without it, Portage would have languished. With it, its economy slowly grew in new directions.

The early railroads mainly solved local transportation needs, the transportation between cities or to the city's hinterlands. The lack of standardized equipment hindered long distance travel. Hence, products, mainly wheat in Wisconsin, were gathered from rural areas and shipped to ports of the Great Lakes.¹ Since the building of the railroad could potentially enhance the economy of the urban area and its rural hinterlands, local communities undertook large promotional campaigns to attract the railroad by raising bond issues in their support. With no state funds forthcoming for their construction, private investments along with federal land grants supported the building projects. These communities correctly believed that the railroad would place them on the map by establishing them as a trade center. Portage became one of these communities.²

Portage received its first railroad in 1857. The La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad completed its line from Milwaukee to Portage in 1857 and from Portage to La Crosse in 1858. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul established another east-west road after 1863. It purchased the La Crosse and Milwaukee line from Portage to La Crosse and the Milwaukee & Western from Columbus to Milwaukee and then constructed a line from Columbus to Portage. In 1871, a railroad was opened connecting Madison and Portage. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul leased the line to 1878 and then purchased it. Finally, the Wisconsin Central from Portage to Lake Superior was completed in 1876. The Wisconsin Central probably erected their depot which is still standing in Ward I in the 1870's (#162).³

With a well established railroad system, Portage had little use for the canal which was completed in 1876. In 1870, the federal government had agreed to improve the Fox-Wisconsin waterways. Beginning in 1874, the Army Corps of Engineers supervised the project. Conroy, Starke and Company of Milwaukee excavated a 75 foot wide and 9 foot deep trench,

¹Nesbit, 1973: 193-96.

²Nesbit, 1973: 203-204.

³Butterfield, 1880: 488-93; Jones, 1914: 100-102; Chapman, 1974: 341.

placing timber and pile revetments on its sides and a lock at either end of the canal. Although the canal and 22 locks on the Fox River were finally completed, the improvements of the Wisconsin were never finished. Much of the commerce from Portage went down the Fox. After the government set established rates, the railroads slowly drove the steam boats out of business. As a consequence, the canal saw active use for only a short period of time.¹

After the Civil War, the lumber industry expanded in Wisconsin. Settlement of Illinois, especially Chicago, and the prairie states to the west created a tremendous demand for the product. The industry boomed through the 1860's. Before the railroads reached the pine forests of northern Wisconsin in the 1880's, logs were rafted down the Wisconsin. Providing accommodations for raftsmen, particularly in the first ward, and foodstuffs and other goods for the pineries, Portage continued to serve the lumbermen during this era. Since mills at the pineries generally rough-cut the lumber, Portage never became a lumber milling center. During the 1860's and 1870's, the city only claimed two planing mills and one sawmill. Wholesale houses on the Mississippi or at other points of destination finished the lumber into boards. After the railroads replaced rafting as a means of moving the logs in the 1880's, the importance of the lumber industry to Portage declined considerably.²

Processing and shipping the goods, Portage retained its regional rural trade between 1860 and 1880. Although there was a slightly larger variety of industries, Portage continued to process local agricultural products. The railroad had not yet greatly affected the types of industry in Portage. It did undoubtedly provide a more accessible market and allowed the expansion of previously established concerns.

Portage's larger industries remained in Ward I. They included two planing mills, one sawmill, a flour mill and wheat storage facility, the Epstein Brewery, 2 to 3 tanneries, an iron foundry and agricultural implement manufacturer, the marble works of B. & H. Dougherty (1860) and Groth and Stotzer (1879), and a cheese factory. Carnegie and Prescott and R.B. Wentworth both erected planing mills in 1876 and 1879 to finish rough-cut lumber. The Craig Sawmill was established sometime prior to 1870. These mills hardly created a lumber milling center. The tanneries, one in 1860 and two or three in 1870, multiplied in Wisconsin in the 1860's to

¹Jones, 1914: 92-94; Butterfield, 1880: 450, 611-12; Schultz, 1941; Merrill, 1919: 31.

²Nesbit, 1973: 276, 283, 296-97, 302-303, 320; Schultz, 1941; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 43; Portage Register Democrat, Dec. 14, 1923.

serve war needs. They remained mainly local concerns. Initially founded in 1863, the foundry in Portage underwent numerous owners. It manufactured a small variety of agricultural implements. Such industries were again only small, local businesses in this period.

In the 1860's, flour mills processed only local materials. S.S. Case in 1860 and R.B. Wentworth (#114) in 1862 erected grain elevators and Fred Siever Krop & Brothers established a flour mill in 1870. Much of the Wisconsin grain was simply shipped east by rail from Milwaukee, Racine, and Chicago. Although wheat yields had noticeably diminished by 1870, Wisconsin farmers did not find an alternative in dairy products until the 1880's. N.H. Wood founded an early cheese factory in the first ward in 1874.¹

This era between 1860 and 1880 proved to be a period of transition. The railroad did not qualitatively affect local industry until the end of the 19th century. The decline of lumbering and wheat agriculture would markedly change Portage's economy in the next period.

Industrial Growth: 1880-1900

Although population trends initiated during the earlier years continued, at least its composition appears to have stabilized. The number of boarders had also declined significantly. However, Nesbit notes the existence of much mobility. But, the direction of this movement began to change toward the end of the century to a rural to urban migration rather than immigration to the prairie states farther west.² Thus, mobility became more localized.

In Ward I, the population emigrating from other states dropped to a minimum and those born in the Midwest, 16% of the adults and 52% of the total population, rose (see table, p. 33). Reflecting the children of foreign born parents born in Wisconsin, the percentage of foreign born dropped

¹L.H. Chapin, 1870; U.S. Bureau of the Census, Manufacturing Schedules, 1860, 1870; Portage Daily Record, Sept. 3, 1909; Wisconsin Register Democrat, Aug. 29, 1938; Portage High School, 1949-51: 25, 30; Butterfield, 1880: 633-36; Nesbit, 1973: 273-78, 280-82, 331; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 45-46.

²Nesbit, 1973: 342-43.

slightly. The Germans remained the largest element in the population. Dominated by Germans and Scandinavians, the state population composition paralleled that of Portage. A second wave of German immigration occurred in the late 1880's. Dealing with the language barrier, the City of Portage received enough peoples of German extraction to affect the high school curriculum during this period.¹ Clustering by place of birth in the census points to the continued existence of enclaves. Such ethnic exclusiveness remained in small towns and rural areas or by ward in larger communities until the turn of the century.²

During or perhaps somewhat prior to the 1880's, the number of social organizations, i.e., social clubs, etc., expanded. City improvements accelerated: the municipal ownership of water, poor relief, gas lighting and later electricity, the telephone, parks, a hospital, and library.³ Although such improvements are usually instigated by a small core of the citizenry, at least Portage had gained enough stability and self-identity to spark the necessary interest. Rather than a city of divergent elements, Portage was now becoming a community. The closing of the lumber era, for Portage by 1880, and the completion of the railroad lines probably contributed to this new stability.⁴

By the 1880's, Portage's industrial development began to shift away from solely processing local raw materials. Those cities whose industrial and commercial livelihood had depended upon lumbering and grain agriculture now underwent a period of adjustment to find alternatives. As in other small cities of Wisconsin, Portage developed an identification with a few major industries. Now more standardized and used for long range transport, the railroad brought such towns in contact with sources of raw materials and markets far beyond their immediate hinterlands. Thus, the city which served a broad agricultural region was no longer forced to provide a wide range of local crafts; some standardized products could be acquired wholesale from other urban areas.⁵ This alteration from a local craft base to the development of larger industries produced some transiency among the labor force, but it

¹Nesbit, 1973: 152, 347; Jones, 1914: 208; United States Bureau of the Census, 1880.

²Nesbit, 1973: 348-49.

³Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 46-49.

⁴Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 45.

⁵Nesbit, 1973: 331, 335, 342.

could not match the instability created by the large and continual turnover in the population of earlier periods.

Ward I continued to be the center of industrial growth. Some long-established industries remained. The Epstein Brewery expanded. Eulberg Brothers Brewery, located outside the ward, was founded in 1884. Moving within Ward I, Groth & Stotzer Marble Works along with the Hanley & Dougherty Marble Works remained. Although several lumber companies existed, Van Dusen & Company and Carnegie & Prescott, two of the small number of sawmills ever established in Portage, disappeared. The feed and flour mill of James C. McKenzie and Wentworth's or I.W. York's grain elevator (#214) operated during this period. Also, one iron foundry, now J. Baird & Company, remained.¹

By the 1890's, Portage supported at least three creameries including Knack Brothers and the Henry Williams Creamery. One business manufactured cream extractors.² With soil depletion advancing in the 1880's, Wisconsin farmers had begun to seek a stable alternative to wheat in dairying. Prior to the centralization of cheese making by delivery of milk to one local factory in the 1880's, it remained a home industry. After chemical processes became more fully understood by 1900, the industry expanded. The introduction of the cream separator in the 1880's also eased the process of butter production. Before the railroad reached Portage, it had been impossible to market perishable dairy products beyond the local area except in the form of cheese.³

Later to become one of Portage's major industries, the Portage Hosiery Company was founded in 1878 in the commercial district of Portage. The yarn factory and knitting rooms (#215) were erected on the south side of the canal in 1881. It later expanded at this spot, adding an office building in 1893, a warehouse in 1912, and a washhouse in 1924. The company produced heavy wool socks and heavy men's hose. Its market spread throughout the northern United States.⁴

¹Portage Weekly Democrat, July 30, 1897; Wright, 1890; Portage Daily Register, Sept. 3, 1909; Rockwood & Goodell, 1885; U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1880.

²U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1890; Wright, 1890; Rockwell & Goodell, 1885; Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1894.

³Nesbit, 1973: 284-93; Jones, 1914: 124-27.

⁴Portage Daily Register, Sept. 3, 1909; Portage Register Democrat, August 29, 1938; Jones, 1914: 203-205; Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 52; Portage High School, 1949-51: 2, 23, 87.

Thus, in the 1880's and 1890's, Portage became identified with several major industries, the Portage Hoisery Company in particular.

Portage As a Small Industrial Center: 1900-1930

With minor adjustments, the population composition of Ward I remained stable (see table, p. 33). The high foreign born population persisted. Inhabitants directly from Germany or of German extraction clearly dominated this group. Much of the 37% of the adult population born in Wisconsin were second generation Germans. Marking the margins with street names, the 1900 manuscript population schedules clearly indicate a door-to-door survey. Even by 1900, the German enclaves are still present in Ward I. Some social exclusiveness may have still existed.¹

Portage still continued as an important trade and retail center. A terminal point, it served as a railroad transportation center for the state until 1930. In 1925, the railroad itself employed 375 men as opposed to the 800 employed by other industries.²

Between 1900 and 1920, businessmen of Portage actively launched a program to attract more industry to the city. Such efforts were boosted by the Kewanas Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Portage Advancement Association. They offered free factory sites, raised bond issues to support industry, and widely promoted the project in Portage's many newspapers. These efforts directly resulted in the founding of only a few industries: the foundry of Thomas Swanson, the United Cigar Company (1903), and the Heinz Pickle Company (1904).³ Such boosterism was common in the later 19th and early 20th centuries in Midwestern towns. Not only serving individual desires for material progress, it often served to unit disparate elements of the community behind a single goal.

Portage developed several large industries between 1900 and 1930: the Heinz Pickle Receiving Station and the United Cigar Company warehouses. The Portage Hoisery Company and perhaps the Knack Brothers Creamery, which moved to larger quarters in 1928 and was the Portage Cooperative Creamery

¹U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1900.

²Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 53-54.

³Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 50-53.

by that date (#94), also remained dominant industries. A multitude of smaller industries became established: The Portage Boat and Engine Company, the Portage Rug Company, The Portage Underwear Company, the Cochane Tile Company, a celluloid manufacturer, the Freeland Tank Company, the Portage Ice Company, the Sanborne Ice Company, the Portage Woolen Mill (#66), and the Wisconsin Rabbit Fur and Products Company. The breweries, feed and grain storage companies (#114), the Portage Iron Works, lumber yards, and marble works survived from a previous period.¹ Thus, in terms of social and economic developments, the main focal point during the early 20th century had become Portage's industries.

From the 17th century through to the 19th century, the portage or the City of Portage remained an important trade and transportation center. The emphasis changed: from furs to crafts and the servicing of the northern pineries, to the growth of local service industries, and finally to the establishment of several large concerns with broad markets. Then, Portage's major historical importance lies in its ability to remain the nexus of a regional transportation system through the centuries.

INVESTIGATION RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

Insignificant Areas

The strong 20th century boosterism partly responsible for the development of Portage into a true community also gradually destroyed one of the most historically significant sections of the city, its industrial center. In their desire for improvement, Portage and similar towns gradually leveled large sections of their industrial centers. Material and spiritual needs of the second half of the 20th century could not be contained in older industrial buildings.

A close comparison of historical maps back through

¹Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 52-53; Portage Bicentennial Committee, Bicentennial of the American Revolution: Where the North Begins: 1776-1976 (Portage: Portage Bicentennial Committee, 1976), n.p.; Smith-Bauman Directory Company, 1929-1930; J.T. Farrell, 1917-1918; F.H. Voshardt, 1910; Moore Company, 1908-1909.

time with the structure by structure survey completed during this project revealed that a large percentage of the structures dating prior to 1930 no longer stand. The 1929, 1918, 1910, 1901, 1894, and 1885 Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. Maps and the 1890 and 1873 plat maps¹ were compared with the survey data. This analysis provides a rough estimate of the total numbers of buildings standing during three periods: prior to 1873, 1873-1890/94, and 1890/94 to 1929 and, of these, the number which no longer stand in 1981. Of those buildings built between the 1890's and 1919, 22% no longer remain in 1981. Of those built between 1873 and the 1890's, 50% have been destroyed. Finally, of those built prior to 1873, 66% are now gone. Taking into account alterations of the remaining structures, it becomes clear from this rather inexact analysis that much of the present streetscapes hardly resemble those of 80 or more years ago.

Only seven industrial structures or complexes remain from 1930 or before (see fig. 3-5). They include a woolen mill (#66), the Portage Hosiery Company (#215), the Wentworth elevator (#214), the Portage Cooperative Creamery (#94), the Epstein Brewery (#113), a building which was probably once part of the Portage Iron Foundry (#56), and the T.H. Cochrane Warehouse built between 1901 and 1910 (#55). Because of their dispersal through the ward, alterations in some of the structures, and the change of their building context, these buildings did not constitute a significant industrial district. However, some of them may be individually significant structures. Although a greater share of the commercial buildings, mainly along Wisconsin and West Cook, still stand from the 1920's, many of these buildings have been severely altered (see figs. 1-2 and #88-98 and 100).

One of the earliest centers of the settlement of Portage and Ward I lies at the intersection of Wauona Trail and Wisconsin Street and adjacent stretches of both streets. This area has experienced considerable modification so that very likely none of the original complex remains. Although there may be some sporadic historical archaeological remains, the area has received sufficient alteration through time to drastically limit them.

Some groups of domestic dwellings remain intact and probably in their original setting. The study isolated some potential National Register districts for further examination

Harrison and Warner, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co. 1890.

(see map 2). In areas outside these locations, lack of an original historical setting and alteration or a high destruction rate eliminated many from consideration for the creation of districts. The study did recommend some individual examples of the most numerous types of buildings for further consideration.

Then, first attacking the question of preservation in Portage from a negative perspective, those areas which should not be considered for the creation of National Register districts lie outside the dashed lines on map 2. For the most part, they no longer represent any historical period in the first ward.

Significant Resources

Significant Areas

Three significant areas for preservation remain: the canal and Fort Winnebago complex, some possible areas of industrial housing, and some individual buildings.

Considered as a separate entity, the Portage Canal would not attain sufficient significance to merit additional study. Although conceived during the 1840's and 1850's when canals became one solution for the tremendous transportation problem facing the region, the Portage Canal was constructed long after this period. Its completion in 1876 was an anti-climax. Superceding the need for such a water route, the railroad had crossed the canal almost 20 years before. It saw only occasional use by commercial shipping in the 1870's and 1880's and perhaps into the 1890's.¹ In addition, many of the buildings which now grace its shore were not present during its final period of construction and short period of use (see figs. 6-7). Finally, the canal itself has suffered some alteration and deterioration. The width of the canal has been restricted at Adams Street by the addition of fill, the Wisconsin lock was redone in 1928, the Fox lock has been replaced by an earthen dam, and the revetments along the sides are greatly deteriorated.² Hence, the canal neither relates to its original context, except toward the northeast end where

¹Schultz, 1941: Federal Writer's Project, 1938: 38.

²Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright, 413 Adams Street, Portage; the Porter Photographic Collection housed in the Portage Free Library; Frank and Stein Associates, Inc., 1968.

there never were many structures, nor to the period of history that it truly represents. It only preserves an historical idea: the intention of early Portage citizens and the state and federal governments to construct a canal to provide a much needed thoroughfare from the Great Lakes into the northwest territory. But, it does recognize the struggle of early western states to resolve their internal transportation problems. Then, in its relationship to its past history the canal begins to gain significance.

The canal's historical integrity further strengthens if considered in conjunction with related historic sites, Fort Winnebago (#142) and perhaps the tollgate house (#43) of the long-defunct plank road. The government constructed the fort to protect the water route and ultimately bring the arm of government into the northwest territory. Only the Surgeon's Quarters (#142), the Indian Agency (#144) and, although moved, the Merrell house (#126) remain from that era. Archaeological excavations of 1967 indicate that the foundations of the fort's buildings probably remain. However, much of the fort proper lies on private land. At the time of the excavation, the owners were adverse to any archaeological work on their property.¹ This problem does not reduce the significance of the site.

Associated with and serving traders and members of the fort, was a small community along the east and west banks of the Fox. Henry Merrell's dwelling, now located on Cook Street (#126), once stood close to the juncture of Highway 33 and the Fox River, to the west side. It is a rather elaborate, two story, frame, temple style Greek Revival structure. A large merchandising establishment stood next to it.² Several other trading establishments and the lock tender's house completed the complex (see fig. 9). A series of depressions found on private property in the vicinity of #147, just west of the Fox and north of Highway 33, may be vestiges of the small settlement.

The plank road tollgate house (#43, see fig. 8), now across the road from its original location, also stands as a reminder of this early transportation dilemma. Located along Route 51, it is also divest of its original context. Unlike the canal, the project was conceived and executed during the "plank road fad" of the 1850's. However, in addition to

¹Brandon, 1967.

²A.J. Turner, 1903: 27.

being out of its context, the building has been moved several times. Also, the residential section of the tollgate house has been removed. Whether this section was original to the 1850's structure is uncertain.¹ This canal-fort-tollgate house complex then represents an extremely important theme in the early history of Wisconsin and other Midwestern states.

The survey isolated several residential areas for further attention. Probably originally erected by industrial workers, most of these buildings were never very elaborate. Such dwellings tend to undergo greater modification than the more elaborate ones. Hence, when contemplating condition of the structures, the degree of alteration of each example becomes an important consideration. In this preliminary study, these modifications could not be carefully considered. Therefore, the report recommended areas of potential significance rather than individual structures for future research.

To gain an understanding of the range of housing represented in the survey, the structures were typed according to formal categories generally employed in the study of vernacular architecture. Unlike the more traditional academic housing styles, which are based upon ornament, formal types are primarily based on the shape of the structure.¹ The survey identified ten different types. These house types were approximately dated by comparing available maps.

Built between 1850 and 1870, the Greek Revival ell (see fig. 10) consisted of one main $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 story rectangular block whose eaves face the street. A 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ story wing jetted out from one side. It often showed no elaborations. Some houses of this type show the Greek Revival return or a full pediment across the front and rear facades. A few were elaborated with rectangular sidelights and/or transoms. Erected during the same period, the Greek Revival temple (see fig. 11) followed the external lines of the ell form, but lacked the wing. Again, erected between 1850 and 1870, the 1 story ell form is a 1 or $1\frac{1}{2}$ story ell-shaped house (see fig. 14), often devoid of decoration. Utilized between 1850 and 1880, the

¹Bartnick, 1979: figs. 33-34.

²For a study of vernacular housing see Henry Glassie, Folk Housing in Middle Virginia (Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 1975) and Pattern in Material Culture of the Eastern United States (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1968). For an example of the academic approach to building styles in Wisconsin see Richard Perrin, The Architecture of Wisconsin (Madison: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1967).

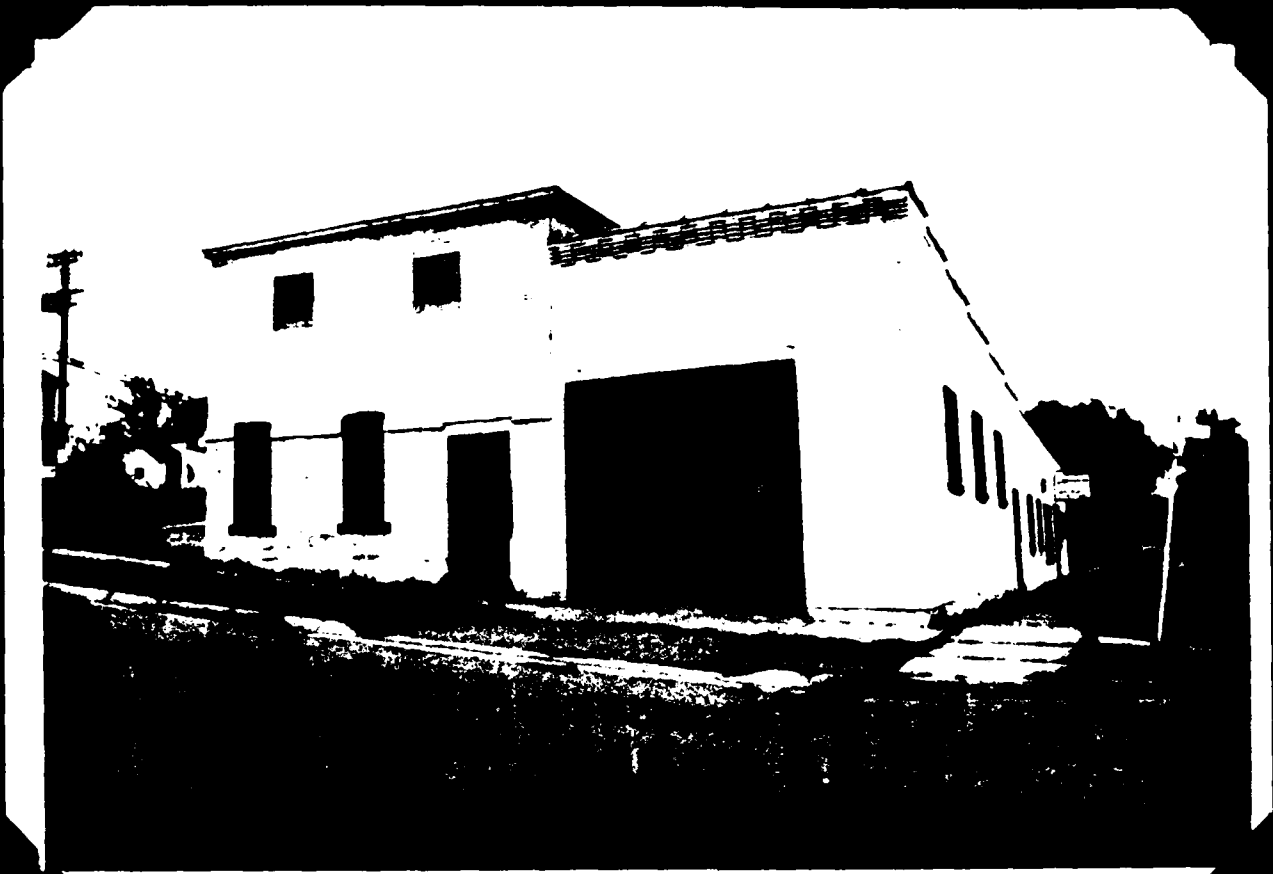
View of 208-214 Wisconsin Street near West Canal (#95-97)

Figure 1

View of 226-260 Wisconsin Street near Lock (#88-93)

Figure 2





Epstein Brewery at 401 East Edgewater and Jefferson (#113)

Figure 3

Portage Hosiery Company at 115 Mullett Street (#215)

Figure 4

Photograph of Portage Hoisery Company ca. 1900 (#215)
(located at the Columbia Co. Historical Society)

Figure 5

View of Canal Looking east from Wisconsin Street

Figure 6





View of canal looking west from Wisconsin Street

Figure 7

Tollgate House of plank road at Wisconsin and Ontario Streets

(#43)

Figure 8

Remains of the Lock Tender's House at the east end of the
canal (#145)

Figure 9

Example of a Greek Revival ell house type at 131 Mullett

Figure 10





Example of a Greek Revival Temple House Type at 317 East
Edgewater (#110)

Figure 11

Example of an I house type at 130 Thompson and Pauquette
Streets (#38)

Figure 12

Example of a one story rectangular cottage house type at
118 Washington (#18)

Figure 13

Example of a one story ell house type at 309 Wisconsin

(The house was initially built as a one story rectangular cottage and later reversed in orientation to create a one story ell.)

(#42)

Figure 14





Example of a one story square cottage house type at 263

East Edgewater (#85)

Figure 15

Example of a one and a half to two story ell house type

at 327 East Edgewater (#112)

Figure 16

Example of a Neo-Classical house type at 306-314 East Edgewater
(#102, 103, 104)

Figure 17

Example of a Queen Anne house type at 1114 Wauona Trail
(#154)

Figure 18





Example of a Bungaloid house type at 109 Brady (#29)

Figure 19

one story rectangular cottage (fig. 13) consisted of only two rooms in its main section. Its eaves faced the road. Owners occasionally enlarged it with a lean-to or ell at the rear. Again, it lacks decoration. The survey recorded 10 Greek Revival ells, 22 Greek Revival temples, 8 one story ells, and 20 one story rectangular cottages.

The I house or hall and parlor form, $1\frac{1}{2}$ story square ells, and one story square houses were generally constructed later in the 19th century. Having a long time depth, the I house (see fig. 12) was built between 1850 and 1890. The eaves of this $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 story rectangular box paralleled the road. The main section is one room deep and at least two rooms long. If the rooms are of equal length, the structure is termed an I house. If the house is assymmetrically arranged, then it is a hall and parlor house. From exterior examination, these types can not usually be distinguished. A lean-to or ell often enlarged them at the rear. In Ward I, these houses many times sported a steep central dormer in the front facade with a rounded window, perhaps attributable to the influence of the Gothic style of ornament. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 story ell (fig. 14) lasted from 1880 to 1910. Probably derived from the Greek Revival ell, this version also had a main section of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 stories whose gable faced the main street. A 1 to 2 story wing was placed on one side. It usually lacks ornament. This later ell varies from the Greek Revival on the exterior mainly in the steeper pitch of the roof and its complete absence of elaboration. On the interior, the floor plan is much less regular than the Greek Revival's. Built between 1870 and 1900, the 1 or $1\frac{1}{2}$ story square house (fig. 15) was usually square or slightly rectangular with a hipped or pyramid roof. It often displayed the peaked dormer described for the I house. Later varieties acquired bays and still later Neo-Classical or Queen Anne decoration mentioned below. There were 24 I houses, 44 $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 story ells, and 14 one story square houses.

Dating after 1890, the three later types were generally distinguished by some ornament and were almost always inspired by architectural pattern books of the period. The later Queen Anne (fig. 18), dating between 1890 and 1910, was in Ward I, a long, narrow 2 story structure common to urban or town settings. Their irregular massing distinguished their shape. Towers, bays, and multiple roof peaks accentuated this irregularity. Shingling often decorates the towers or roof dormers. Fussey porches, generally Eastlake in style, surmounted their bottom stories. The Neo-Classical type came in multiple forms. A reaction against the irregular Queen Anne, its form was more symmetrical, usually rectangular or square. These straight lines might be interrupted by a bay. The

general intent was to vaguely copy America's colonial style, but the copy proved to be very inexact. The most common form was a plain, two story square house with a hipped or pyramid roof (fig. 17). Some received a pedimented facade and cornices with dentil moldings. More elaborate doors might have a broken pediment above it with pilasters along the side. One was stuccoed and decorated with half-timbering. The Dutch colonial was topped with a gambrel roof. Dating between 1910 and 1930, the rectangular bungaloid's large front gable often faces the street (fig. 19). It was almost always 1 or 1½ stories. Their exteriors were often graced by the round-columned Neo-Classical porches, shingling in their top half, brackets or extensions of their rafters, and stickwork in the eaves. Dormers to the side are common. There were 2 Queen Annes, 10 Neo-Classical types, and 23 bungaloids. Seven houses had received so much alteration that their type could not be discerned.

The survey isolated several clusters of vernacular dwellings which might receive consideration in later phases of study as potential, locally significant National Register districts. Each area gains significance for similar reasons. As stated previously, these groups of residential houses represent the most common forms of industrial housing in Portage. They depict significant themes in the late 19th century history of Portage. Rather than being unique examples of architecture, these dwellings illustrate a large cross-section of Portage's population. The areas themselves were isolated from surrounding structures because of the integrity of the houses themselves and of their neighborhoods. The common, vernacular or local house types from one time period, a span of 20 to 30 years, compose each area. ¹ There are few intrusions from another time period. Finally, these examples have suffered fewer modifications. As stated previously, such housing originally belonging to lower or middle income groups in a flood-prone area will have generally experienced a greater amount of alteration than more elaborate structures.

Despite such difficulty with structural and decorative change, since these houses of industrial workers and smaller businessmen do represent a much greater share of Portage's population than the dwellings of the wealthy and because they have as yet received inadequate attention from the preservation movement, their preservation gains proportionately more importance. Not only do they visually portray an

¹See map 2 for a delineation of the boundaries of the residential areas. Each area is designated by a letter.

important aspect of Portage's history, but their spacial, decorative, and construction details may be studied systematically as the archaeologist might study an artifact to gain greater insights into the culture of the citizens of Portage.¹

The survey isolated the following clusters of contemporary dwellings showing the proper mix of vernacular house types for each period:

1850-1870

Area A: between Brady and Pauquette and Wisconsin and Thompson (# 41, 33, 38, 199, 52, 53, 213)

Area C: along East Edgewater between Jefferson and Adams (#101, 105, 106, 110, 112)

Area B: on West Edgewater east of MacFarland to Lock (#75, 85, 86)

These examples include a mix of Greek Revival ells and temples, the one story ell, the one story rectangular cottage, and the I house.

1870-1890

Area A: along Brady between Townsend and Wisconsin (#190, 145, 200, 201, 202, 35, 30, 31, 31)

Area A: along Washington between McPherson and Thompson (#170, 174, 183, 184, 186, 189, 193)

These houses include examples of two story ells, I houses, one story rectangular cottages, and one story square house.

1890-1910

Area B: at the corner of Lock and West Edgewater (#72, 73, 84)

Area C: at the juncture of Monroe and East Edgewater (#116, 123, 121, 124, 125)

These dwellings exemplify a mix of one story square houses, a late Queen Anne, and two story ells.

1910-1930

Area C: at the juncture of Adams and East Edgewater (#102, 103, 108, 109, 124)

Area C: along East Edgewater between Jefferson and Monroe (#114, 115)

Houses erected between 1910 and 1930 tend to be dispersed among the earlier houses and might be eliminated from consideration as an area. This group includes the one story square house, Neo-Classical structures, and bungaloids.

¹See studies by Glassie, 1976; R.W. Brunskill, Illustrated Handbook of Vernacular Architecture (New York: Universe Books, 1970); Joyce McKay, "Architecture As Artifact" (Unpublished doctoral dissertation being prepared for the Department of Anthropology, Brown University, Providence, R.I.).

These areas then designate potential sources of structures eligible for the National Register. From these examples, a few representative districts may be created after further study and evaluation.

Sites on the National Register and State Inventory

The Historic Preservation Division of the State Historical Society conducted an architectural survey in Portage in 1974. Later, of the structures located in or near the survey area, it nominated five sites to the National Register and placed eight sites on the state inventory.

Those sites placed on the National Register include Fort Winnebago (#142), the Surgeon's Quarters (#142), the Indian Agency House (#144), the Fox-Wisconsin Portage along the Wauona Trail (#218), and the Portage Canal (#217). The significance of all but the portage has been discussed above (see pp. 46-48). Since the Surgeon's Quarters and the Indian Agency remain under the care of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of the Colonial Dames respectively, their preservation is not threatened. Except for the Surgeon's Quarters, Fort Winnebago exists as an archaeological sites whose boundaries are yet undetermined. If the present owners of the property can be convinced of the significance of the site, the area of the fort requires testing to trace the extent of archaeological remains. The Portage Canal is deteriorating: its sides require stabilization and the canal is silting-in.¹ A blacked-top city street covers the portage, now Wauona Trail. Placed on the National Register because of its important historical associations, no vestige of it or its historical context remains.

The state inventory listed the following sites within the bounds of the survey area (see Appendix IV): 323 East Edgewater (#111 or #45)², 210 DeWitt (#98 or 161), Riverside Park (#42 or 113), Epstein Brewery (#113 or 46), the Plank Road Tollgate House (#43 or 43), the County Fairground Grandstand (#164 or 41), and 212 to 216 West Wisconsin (#96-97 or 112).

House #111 probably dates between 1894 and 1901 and

¹Frank and Stein Associates, Inc., 1968.

²The first number refers to the numbering system of this survey while the second refers to the system of the Office of Historic Preservation at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. See Appendix IV.

was formally typed as a one story square house. The basic brick structure appears to have undergone few major changes. The shingling in its peak and the brackets indicate its later date. It is located outside an area recommended for further study. This house merits individual attention.

The Paramount Photography Shop (#98), a two story, Portage brick commercial building retains its original appearance. Its cast iron, fluted pillars around the front door are marked the "Portage Iron Works" and date to 1902. Because on the exterior it is in its original condition and typifies commercial structures of its era, it should also receive attention in later phases of the study.

Riverside Park (#42) was erected by the W.P.A. projects between 1933 and 1934. The log cabin was also built during this period or later.¹ Although this structure was placed on the state inventory because it is a product of the W.P.A. projects, it is certainly not architecturally an outstanding example.

Only one building remains of the Epstein Brewery (#113). This two story fieldstone and brick structure appears to have undergone considerable structural modification. A cement block addition stands to the west. Since only a vestige of the original complex remains, the building is not recommended for further consideration.

The plank road tollgate house (#43) was discussed above (see p. 47) and recommended for further study.

A W.P.A. project constructed the art deco grandstand at the Columbia County Fairgrounds (#164) between 1933 and 1934. The city originally donated the lands to the Columbia County Agricultural Society in 1874 for its annual fairs. Defunct by 1901, the society turned the land over to the Columbia County Fair Association.² Being a product of the W.P.A. and possessing some significant architectural details, this structure should receive further attention.

The two commercial buildings at 212-216 Cook Street (#96-97) were probably built during the 1880's.³ Their rounded and stilted-arch windows, dentil work, second-story bays, and wooden brackets point to an Italianate style of decoration.

¹Portage High School, 1949-51: 29-30.

²Portage High School, 1949-51: 144-46.

³Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1885, 1889.

However, their first story facades have been completely altered (see fig. 1). Because of these alterations, they were not recommended for further study.

Individually Significant Structures

Although their spacial context in many cases suffered severe alterations, a number of structures merit individual consideration for the National Register. Such a listing gains particular importance if the degree of modification in Ward I prohibits the definition of districts during a second phase of study. These structures include three industrial buildings and examples of the different vernacular house types.

The three industrial structures which merit further consideration are one building of the Portage Hoisery Company (see fig. 4, #215); the Wentworth grain elevator, now the Sunnyside Feedmill (#214); and the Portage Cooperative Creamery, now known as the Ray-O-Vac Division, Plant No. 2 (#94). One of the southwestern-most buildings of the complex, probably once the knitting works of the Portage Hoisery Company, very likely belongs to the original group of structures (see middle ground of fig. 4). The company began construction in Ward I in 1881. The grain elevator of the Sunnyside Feedmill stands upon the location of a feed and flour mill erected in 1870 by S.S. case and R.B. Wentworth. However, the date of the standing elevator has not been conclusively dated to this early period. Buildings standing on the location of the elevator and the Portage Hoisery Company do appear on the 1885 Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. maps. The Knack Brothers Creamery, which became the Portage Cooperative Creamery in 1928, erected a two story, brick building with some Neo-Classical features such as pilasters along the front facade and a concrete watertable, between 1918 and 1929.¹ These individual buildings which retain much of their integrity and do relate strongly to historical developments of the last quarter of the 19th century, are potentially eligible for the National Register.

Reasonably intact examples of the nine vernacular building types were also singled out for further study. Again, the context of most of these structures has received severe alteration. Because of the lack of representation in the ward and their degree of modification, no examples of the Queen Anne type were recommended for further consideration.

¹Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1918, 1929.

These examples are:

Temple Greek Revival: # 25, 41, 110, 171
 Greek Revival ell: #1, 7, 52, 53, 64
 One story rectangular cottage: #9, 18, 168, 190
 One story ell: #14, 42, 178
 I house: #2, 33, 35, 54, 75, 107, 177, 198
 Two story ell: #10, 26, 101, 112, 123, 157, 158, 186, 212
 One story square cottage: # 30, 60, 72, 85, 111
 Neoclassical houses: #21, 102, 103
 Bungaloid: #29, 49, 68, 77, 79

Of these examples, number 21, the Ward I School, is probably the most elaborate. The building shows neoclassical features such as a pedimented facade, dentil molding over the door, and a concrete watertable. The exact degree of modification of these structures will require further investigation. Then, a few representative examples of each type might be selected for preservation.

Interests of the Local Citizenry

The researcher interviewed citizens interested in historical preservation of Portage as well as the Portage Chamber of Commerce to learn which sites the community felt worthy of preservation. They identified the Indian Agency House (#144), the Surgeon's Quarters (#142), the canal (#217), Fort Winnebago (#142), the tollgate house (#43), and the Wauona Trail (#218). Some mentioned the small settlement centered around the original location of the Merrell house (#147), the Merrell house itself (#126), the Marquette and Jolliet marker (#216), the Ward I School (#21), the Epstein Brewery (#113), the Portage Hoisery Company (#215), the Wentworth grain elevator (#214), the Portage Woolen Mill (#66), and the lock tender's house (#145), now in ruins.¹ Portage citizens formed the Canal Society to preserve it as an historic site. Mr. David Bennett, a lawyer and property developer, was the only citizen outwardly opposing the present project. He limited the only possibly significant sites in Portage to

loral interviews with Mr. Paul Dolton, President of the Lodi Historical Society, Box 93, Lodi; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright, 413 Adams, Portage; Fredricka Kleist, 528 West Cook, Portage; and the Portage Chamber of Commerce, "Self-guided Tour of Portage: Places of Interest, Historical and Modern". Frank De Loughery submitted a block grant application, "The Portage Canal, Historical Notes, " to fund the preservation of the canal on Jan. 17, 1981.

the Indian Agency House and the Surgeon's Quarters. A majority of the people encountered in Portage felt the historical study to be worthwhile and favored any action the Corps might take in the recognition and/or preservation of historically significant sites and structures.

Recommendations for Site Nominations

Parts of the areas of domestic dwellings (see p. 51) might eventually compose National Register districts. By concentrating houses of a reasonably short span of time in one district, they could then illustrate the popular types of houses erected by the industrial workers. Since the industrial development of Portage is a significant aspect of Portage's history, representation of the context in which the industrial laborers lived merits preservation. Particularly if the researcher can not create such districts, the individually significant structures listed under the section discussing the state inventory (see pp. 52-53), numbers 98, 111, and 164, and those buildings enumerated under the individually significant structures (see pp. 54-55) will also require consideration.

The canal, Fort Winnebago, the Surgeon's Quarters, and Indian Agency House have already been placed on the National Register. Consolidation of these designations would bring more meaning to these sites by relating them to a more encompassing historical context. The fort, Surgeon's Quarters, and Indian Agency might be placed in a single greatly expanded district. The district would be large enough to include any archaeological remains related to the fort and the small community which served it. Into this district would also be placed the canal, tollgate house, and the Merrell house. Such a district is usually termed a thematic nomination. This designation is intended to recognize those sites related by one historically significant theme and which may not be placed adjacent to one another. The overriding theme of this nomination would relate to the development of a transportation network in southern Wisconsin. Under such an interpretation, the fort and its related community served to protect this route. The tollgate house represents yet another alternative to the historically difficult dilemma. Recognizing the local interest in this complex, such a district should receive the support of many Portage citizens.

MITIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Levee History

Prior to the erection and improvement of the levee system along the Wisconsin River, at flood stage, the Wisconsin intermittently crossed over to the Fox, inundating the portage between them. Construction of the system along the Wisconsin in Lewiston Township began in 1861. After 20 years of occasional flooding and temporary measures, the federal government, the State of Wisconsin, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul jointly rebuilt the Lewiston levee. Between 1883 and 1885, the City of Portage and the township erected the Caledonia and Fairfield Levees, a system extending 8 miles along the right bank of the Wisconsin. In 1886, congress passed an act directing the construction of a levee along the east bank of the Wisconsin in Portage. The Milwaukee District, Army Corps of Engineers built the 2.5 mile levee between 1889 and 1890. In 1891, the 1.5 mile lower Portage Levee was built below the Caledonia Levee, and the Corps placed wing dams along the Portage Levee. Formed in 1901 to maintain the levees, the State Levee Commission increased the height of the entire 17.5 mile levee system by 2 feet. It again heightened and improved the system between 1912 and 1914. By 1924, the levees extended 18 miles along the east bank of the Wisconsin and reached 7 feet in height. It was protected by 14 wing dams. The levee has received continual maintainance from the 1920's.¹

Project Alternatives and Their Impact

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to enhance the protection provided by the present levee system. The project alternatives affecting Ward I of the City of Portage are: (1) reconstruction and extension of the 3½ mile Portage Levee along the east bank of the Wisconsin River, (2) a non-structural plan, (3) the construction of ring levees enclosing Ward I, and (4) a no-action plan (see Appendix I, p. 2). The impact of each alternative upon the historical resources will be considered.

¹Jones, 1914: 95-95; Milo M. Quaife, Wisconsin: Its History and Its People (Chicago: The S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1924), pp. 449-50; "Fox River, Wisconsin, letter from the Secretary of War," House Document No. 31, 63rd Congress, 1st Session, April 14, 1913, pp. 6-8; "Intra-Department Organization of Natural Resources, Division of Resource Development-Emergency Service.

(1) Reconstruction and extension of the 3½ mile Portage Levee. The refurbishing and rebuilding of the existing levee will disturb a 100 to 200 foot area on either side of the structure from the canal entrance east to the east end of the survey area. The greatest impact would occur at the ends of the levee.¹

The project would affect the southwest end of the canal and its locks. As the report of the Army Corps of Engineers recommends, such an impact could be minimized with the restoration of the canal.² It would also definitely impact the tollgate house (#43). Since it has already been moved several times, the structure could be moved once again and perhaps structurally restored. It might finally be put down on the opposite side of Wisconsin Street from its present resting place, the site of its original construction. The entrance to the Fox-Wisconsin Portage would also receive disturbance. However, new construction has so altered this area that impact would not be significant. The monument (#216) erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution to memorialize the expedition of Marquette and Jolliet should be protected. Note that the Wauona Trail is on the National Register. Any project affecting the area must receive clearance from the Historic Preservation Office at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

The south edges of four areas recommended for architectural study may be affected if disturbance extends the total 200 feet. Area A, the section between Brady and Pauquette and between Wisconsin and Thompson as well as along Brady between Townsend and Wisconsin lie just on the north edge of the project area. They should not be affected. The range of disturbance could affect structures along West Edgewater at Lock and to the east (Area B:#72, 73, 75, 76). Also, the individually significant structures #1, 25, 26, 60, 67, 68, 73, 79, and 158 may be threatened by this alternative. Structures 42, 64, and 66 will also be affected, but they were not found to be potentially significant resources. The significant survey areas should receive intensive investigation. If found eligible for the National Register, they will require protection during the project. Since they lie near the edge of the project area, simple avoidance may surface to mitigate

¹U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, "Wisconsin River at Portage: Feasibility Study for Flood Control, Stage 2 Alternative Report" (Unpublished report, U.S. Army Engineer District, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1981), p. 2.

²U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1981: 40-41.

any possible impacts. Because of previous disturbances which ring these areas, secondary visual impacts will probably not be a consideration. However, the Corps should be attuned to this problem during the planning and implementation stages. Finally, any borrow areas needed for construction of the levee may require a cultural resource survey.

(2) A non-structural plan. Non-structural plans exclude the confinement of the river to its banks and deal with the structures themselves. For example, they include raising the structures, flood-proofing the closures, waterproofing the buildings, building small walls around each structure, or evacuating structures in the flood plain. Because of the age of the structures in Ward I, waterproofing closures and raising the buildings would not be feasible.¹ A series of walls around each significant structure would detract from the appearance of the building and be an intrusion into the historical setting of any district. Evacuation of the buildings would, of course, insure their rapid deterioration. If waterproofing the significant structures would not alter their appearance and would adequately protect them, this approach would prove acceptable. Since it does involve some building alteration, such a project should be planned with the advice of the State Historic Preservation Office.

(3) Construction of the ring levees enclosing Ward I. The construction of the ring levees would threaten those sites list under the first alternative. In addition, they would again affect the tollgate house (#43) and would disturb the north end of the canal (see map 2). Since its final placement has not been determined, avoidance of the tollgate house is possible. Although the levee would create additional visual impact, the context of the tollgate house is so altered that this should not hamper construction plans. Partial mitigation by placing it upon its original site and assistance with its restoration would certainly overcome any impacts. The ring levee would have the positive affect of protecting the site.

The ring levee's construction would also structurally and visually affect the canal. Again, restoration, i.e., dredging and fixing damaged revetments, would again help to mitigate these effects. Visual impact would be reduced by using the first alternative plan for the levees (see map 2). This scheme would place it along highway 33 which already visually impacts the canal.

¹U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1981: 68-72.

If its presently intended course remains unaltered, the ring levees should then disturb the tollgate house, the north end of the canal, and those site listed under alternative I. However, if the ring levees are extended further north toward the Fox, they could also impinge upon a potential National Register district related to the fort (see p. 56) and two National Register sites, the Indian Agency House (#144) and the Surgeon's Quarters (#142). The ring levees would of course have the positive effect of preserving recommended study areas in the southwest section of Ward I.

(4) A no-action plan. If all sites in Ward I are left exposed to possible flooding, then providing no additional protection would have the most adverse effect. This study has identified structures and sites of potential significance in the flood-prone survey area which would benefit from such protection.

Each proposed action for the flood control project will have some adverse effect on historic structures. For the non-structural plan, if waterproofing the historic structures would be sufficient protection and if the procedure could be carried out without altering the visual qualities of the building or substantially changing its structural qualities, then this approach would have the least adverse impact. However, if it can not offer adequate protection, it does not have sufficient favorable impacts. As proposed, the ring levees impact the north end of the canal as well as those structures and sites affected by alternative I. Thus, from the perspective of the number of sites to be impacted, the rebuilding of the levee will have a slightly smaller adverse effect than the ring levees. However, as suggested, with careful planning, many of these effects can be adequately mitigated. Therefore, since, overall, the flood control project should have a favorable impact, to preserve buildings in the flood-prone area, the most effective of these alternatives discussed above would then have the least adverse impact. Likewise, the no-action plan would have the greatest adverse impact on Ward I.

Time Estimates for a Phase II Study

A more thorough study of the potentially significant sites awaits a phase II evaluation. "A 'phase II evaluation' is defined as the intensive evaluation of those structures and sites which may provide important cultural and scientific

information."¹ It will generate sufficient data to determine the eligibility of these sites for the National Register, a mitigation plan for those sites to be adversely impacted by the project, and time and cost estimates for that mitigation plan.

A phase II study would require approximately 23 days to complete. Eleven days would be devoted to a more detailed field survey of the structures and the canal to ascertain their condition and additional details on the construction and elaborations. Much of this time, perhaps 7 days, would be consumed by shovel testing selected areas of the community on the west side of the Fox River to determine the boundaries and condition of the site. This project would depend upon the permission of private landowners. Because of this private ownership, a much less intensive shovel testing program would probably occur than the usual 10 meter or 30 foot interval. Instead, if permission can be gained, a pedestrian survey of the approximately 50 to 60 acre area (see map 2) should be followed by shovel testing the apparent sites, i.e. the depressions, foundations, vegetation changes, and those indicated during literature searches. Note that much of this area is covered by underbrush. To cope with this problem, the survey should occur from early to mid spring after some drying and before vegetation becomes high or in the late fall. By contacting individual landowners prior to contracting the project to determine if access can be gained, the Corps might better judge the time and work involved.

To collect additional data specific to the history of the structures, 4 days would be spent at the courthouse; Portage Free Library, consulting their photograph collection; and perhaps at the Portage Canal Society. If permission can be gained, tracing land transactions using the land indices of the local abstract company rather than those of the courthouse would prove far more fruitful and less time consuming. The indices of the abstract company are probably arranged by location rather than by the grantee's and grantor's name. Two days might be required to gather additional, site-specific data at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Finally, 6 days should be devoted to the analysis of the historical material and survey notes and the writing of the final report.

¹See Appendix I: Scope of Work, p. 2.

CONCLUSIONS

Sites gain their significance in this report because they are representative of major historical trends in state or local history and, for structures, because they exemplify the most common house forms during their period of construction. The elaboration of the structure did not necessarily determine significance. Areas including buildings of approximately the same period were recommended for further study because they better portray by their proximity the variety of types built during a period. This approach also more likely assures some integrity of the immediate surroundings. However, with the alterations in Portage's landscape, few areas without some intrusions remain. Therefore, a group of individually significant structures representing the vernacular types found in the ward were also suggested for further study. Recognizing the degree of change in Ward I, the study concluded that the alternatives, either waterproofing, improvement of the levee, or ring levees, whichever could offer the best protection, would be most satisfactory. Since the overall project has a favorable impact, i.e., protecting significant sites, and some of the mitigation proposals would in the end enhance the affected sites; the degree of impact upon the sites by the project alternatives is hardly great enough to outweigh their favorable effects.

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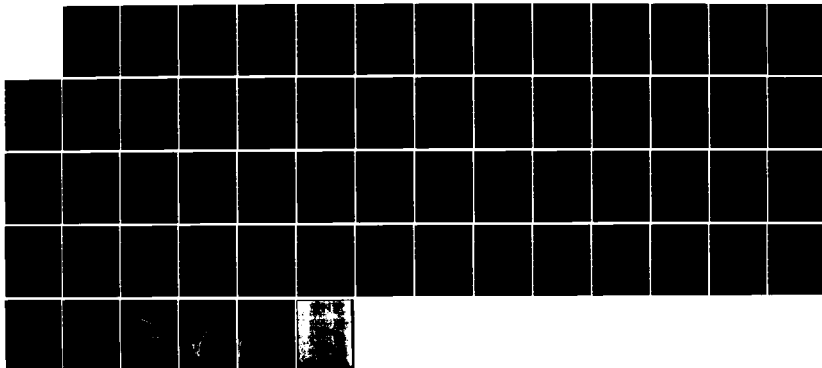
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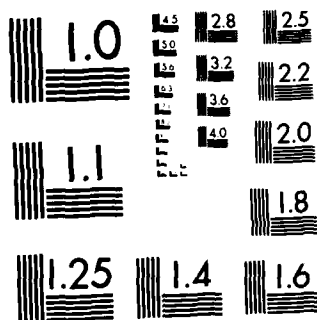
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APPENDIX I
Scope of Work

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HISTORICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
WISCONSIN RIVER
PORTAGE, WISCONSIN

1.00 INTRODUCTION

1.01 The Contractor will undertake a historical inventory of lands in the City of Portage, Wisconsin, which may be altered or affected by a proposed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control project on the Wisconsin River.

1.02 This historical resources inventory is in partial fulfillment of the obligations of the St. Paul District regarding cultural resources, as set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), Executive Order 11593 for the Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment (Federal Register, 13 May 1971), the Archaeological Conservation Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-291), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 C.F.R. Part 800), the Department of the Interior's guidelines concerning cultural resources (36 C.F.R. Part 60), and Corps of Engineers Regulations (ER 1105-2-460) "Identification and Administration of Cultural Resources" (Federal Register, 3 April 1978).

1.03 The laws mentioned above establish the importance of Federal leadership, by the various responsible agencies, in locating and preserving cultural resources within project areas. Specific steps to comply with these laws, particularly as directed in P.L. 93-291 and E.O. 11593, are being taken by the Corps "...to assure that Federal plans and programs contribute to the preservation and enhancement of non-federally owned sites, structures and objects of historical, architectural, or archaeological significance." A part of that responsibility is to locate, inventory, and nominate to the Secretary of the Interior all such sites in the project area that appear to qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

1.04 Executive Order 11593 further directs Federal agencies "...to assure that any federally owned property that might qualify for nomination is not inadvertently transferred, sold, demolished or substantially altered." In addition, the Corps is directed to administer its policies, plans, and programs in such a way that federally and non-federally owned sites, structures, and objects of historical, architectural, or archaeological significance are preserved and maintained for the inspiration and benefit of the people.

1.05 This historical resources investigation will serve several functions. The report will be a planning tool to help the Corps meet its obligations to preserve and protect our cultural heritage. It will be a comprehensive, scholarly document that not only partially fulfills federally-mandated legal requirements but also serves as a scientific reference for future professional studies. The report will also identify sites which may require additional investigations and may have potential for public-use development. Thus, in terms of the sources examined and the conclusions reached, the content of the report must be analytical, not just descriptive.

2.00 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.01 The Wisconsin River Flood Control Project, Portage, Wisconsin, was authorized when the House Committee on Public Works adopted a resolution authorizing this study on 14 June 1972. The project area is in southcentral Wisconsin, approximately 40 miles north of Madison. This area lies in the Wisconsin River floodplain and extends from the Columbia-Sauk County line (river mile 122) near Lewiston downstream through Portage to the Interstate 90-94 bridge (river mile 106). Portage is the major community within the project area.

2.02 Situated on a narrow strip of land between the Wisconsin River (which flows south) and the Fox River (which flows north), the City of Portage itself rests along the Wisconsin River. During periods of high water, crossover flooding from the Wisconsin to the Fox River inundates portions of the city. The approximate elevation above mean sea level in the flood-prone area is 795 feet.

2.03 The alternatives under consideration for the Wisconsin River Flood Control Project at Portage involve: reconstruction and extension of the 3-1/4-mile-long Portage Levee only; reconstruction and extension of both the 5-mile-long Lewiston Levee and the Portage Levee; a nonstructural plan for structures in the project area; construction of a ring levee enclosing approximately Ward One; and a no action plan. Proposed recreation plans may include hiking trails and park areas along the levees as well as more intensive recreational development of the Portage Canal area.

2.04 A preliminary survey of the Wisconsin River Flood Control Project at Portage was conducted by Philip H. Salkin under contract with the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers. His report is entitled "A Literature and Records Search on the Cultural Resources of the Portage, Wisconsin Area."

3.00 DEFINITIONS

3.01 For the purpose of this study, the historical resources investigation will include a literature and records search and review, and a Phase I reconnaissance level survey. Phase II evaluation will not be conducted at this time.

3.02 "Cultural resources" are defined to include any building, site, district, structure, object, data, or other materials relating to the history, architecture, archaeology, or culture of an area.

3.03 "Literature and records search" is defined as a search for and examination of written reports, books, articles, files, records, etc., published and unpublished (found in private, local, State, and Federal depositories), which are pertinent to the cultural resources investigation to be carried out for a particular project. The purposes of the literature and records search are: to familiarize the Contractor with the culture history of the study area and past investigations which have been carried out in the area; to document the location of known sites which may exist within the project area, their condition, the extent of past work undertaken at the sites and any other information which may be relevant in assessing the significance of the sites; and to provide this information in a summarized form to the agency requesting the search. While existing data could be extensive, the literature and records search should be as comprehensive as possible in providing a usable body of data for the purposes outlined above.

3.04 "Literature and records review" is defined as the review and evaluation of the pertinent literature and records examined under section 3.03 of this scope of work. The purpose of the literature and records review is to provide the sponsoring agency with the Contractor's professional opinion on the quality, nature, and extent of the sources identified in the literature and records search.

3.05 A "Phase I historical resources survey" is defined as a determination on the potential of structures and sites in the study area for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This potential will rest upon architectural and historical criteria. Architectural significance in the Phase I survey will be based upon a thorough visual examination of structures and sites in the study area as well as upon historical research. Historical significance will be determined from evidence revealed in the literature and records search and the visual examination. A Phase I cultural resources survey will result in data adequate to assess the general nature of structures and sites present; a recommendation for additional evaluation of those resources which, in the professional opinion of the Contractor, may provide important cultural and scientific information; and detailed time and cost estimates for Phase II evaluation.

3.06 A "Phase II evaluation" is defined as the intensive evaluation of those structures and sites which may provide important cultural and scientific information. A Phase II study will result in data adequate to determine the eligibility of the resources for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, a plan for the satisfactory mitigation of eligible sites which will be directly or indirectly impacted, and detailed time and cost estimates for mitigation.

4.00 STUDY AREA

4.01 The Phase I cultural resources survey will be undertaken in the following areas as shown on the map provided:

a. The First Ward of Portage.

b. Also, those structures and sites at or below the 800-foot contour level between Cook Street and the Portage Canal on the northwest; the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad on the north, and MacFarlane Road on the west will be considered in the study area.

5.00 PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

5.01 The Contractor will utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach in conducting the study. The Contractor will provide specialized knowledge and skills during the course of the study, to include expertise in history, architectural, history, and oral history.

5.02 The extent and character of the work to be accomplished will be subject to the general supervision, direction, control, review, and approval of the Contracting Officer.

5.03 Techniques and methodologies used during the investigation must be representative of the current state of knowledge for their respective disciplines.

5.04 The Contractor shall keep standard records which shall include, but not be limited to, field notebooks, site survey forms, field maps, and photographs. Standing structure survey forms are available from the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office.

5.05 The recommended professional treatment of accumulated field notebooks, site survey forms, field maps, and photographs is curation and storage at an institution that can properly insure their preservation and that will make them available for public research and view. The Contractor will coordinate this process with the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Officer.

5.06 Should it become necessary in the performance of the work and services, the Contractor shall make a reasonable effort, at no cost to the Government, to secure the rights of ingress and egress on properties not owned or controlled by the Government. The Contractor shall secure the consent of the owner, his representative, or agent, in writing prior to effecting entry on such property. If requested, a letter of introduction signed by the St. Paul District Engineer can be provided to explain the project purposes and request the cooperation of landowners. Where a landowner denies permission for an evaluation, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer and shall describe the extent of the property to be excluded from the survey.

5.07 The Contractor shall provide all materials and equipment that may be necessary to expeditiously perform those services required of the study.

Literature and Records Search and Review

5.08 The Contractor shall obtain information and data for the literature and records search from, but shall not be limited to, the following sources:

a. Published and unpublished reports and documents such as books, journals, theses, dissertations, manuscripts, newspapers, historic maps, and city records.

b. Site files and other information held at the Wisconsin Historical Society Libraries, Archives, and History Department; the University of Wisconsin Department of History and libraries; and materials available from the Columbia County Historical Society and other local historical societies.

c. The Contractor will obtain from the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office information on any cultural resources in the project area that have been nominated or are being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

d. Consultation with other professionals familiar with cultural resources in the area.

e. Consultation with individuals concerned with local history in order to locate sites and to identify and define local interests and resources perceived as locally significant.

5.09 The Contractor, during the literature and records search and the standing structure survey, will bear in mind structures identified as architecturally significant during the standing structure survey of the City of Portage conducted by the Historic Preservation Division of the Wisconsin State Historical Society which are located in the study area. The results of this survey are on file in the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office.

5.10 The following structures should also be given special attention by the Contractor:

- a. The Toll-Gate House currently located next to the Portage Levee, near the intersection of Wisconsin and Ontario Streets.
- b. The Portage Levee.
- c. The Veteran's Field Grandstand.

5.11 A study and evaluation of previous historical study documents of the area as described in section 5.05 and 5.09, including the date, extent, and adequacy of these past works, as they reflect on the interpretation of what has been done in the area, should be undertaken and summarized in the Contractor's report. This review will be in either the form of an annotated bibliography or a narrative summary of the material examined.

5.12 For the literature and records search, the Contractor should include a listing of all historic sites identified during the course of the study and evaluation of the impact upon them of the proposed project.

Phase I Survey

5.13 The Contractor's on-site examination will be a reconnaissance level survey of the area sufficiently intense to determine the number and extent of cultural resources present. This includes standing structures as well as historical sites.

5.14 The Contractor must attempt to locate and to report the condition of all resources previously recorded that are located in the project area as described in section 4.00 and that may be impacted by the proposed project.

6.00 GENERAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

6.01 Upon completion of field work, the Contractor will submit to the Contracting Officer a brief report detailing the work accomplished. Upon completion of all field investigations and research, the Contractor shall prepare a technical report detailing the work done, the results, and the recommendations for further study and associated time and cost estimates for those resources found to have potential for the National Register of Historic Places.

6.02 The technical report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following sections. Although these sections do not necessarily need to be discrete sections, they should be readily discernable to the reader.

- a. Title page: The title page should provide the following information: the type of survey undertaken (reconnaissance, intensive); the cultural resources assessed (archaeological, historical, architectural); the project name and location (county and State); the date of the report; the Contractor's name; the contract number; the name of the author(s) and/or Principal Investigator; the signature of the Principal Investigator, and the agency for which the report is being prepared.

b. Administrative Summary: The summary will be a synopsis of the report, defining the project area and the level of the cultural resources investigation. It shall summarize the research objectives and problems, methods, numbers, and types of resources identified, the significant recommendations, and any unusual or innovative findings or techniques developed during the course of the investigation. Because this information will serve both as an administrative summary and as a portion of that information required by the Department of the Interior for its annual report to Congress (pursuant to Section 5.c. of the Reservoir Salvage Act as amended), the summary should be as detailed and succinct as possible. Normally, the summary will not exceed one typewritten page.

c. Table of Contents.

d. Introduction: This section should include the purpose of the report; a description of the proposed project; the location of the proposed project, including a map of the general area; and a project map (a list of USGS quadrangle maps which cover the project area should also be included); and the dates during which the study was conducted. The introduction shall also contain the name of the institution where accumulated documentation will be curated.

e. Environmental Setting: This section should contain a brief description of the environment of the study area, both present and past condition, and it should be of a length commensurate with other sections of supporting type information.

f. Literature and Records Search and Review: This section should detail the sources used for the literature and records search as well as a description of all information encountered. Bibliographic information will also be included at the end of the report.

g. Study Methods: This section should give an explicit statement of research and survey methods. It should describe the areas which were surveyed, whether or not the survey resulted in the location of any historical resources, the methods used to survey the area, the rationale for eliminating uninvestigated sites, and the size of the investigated area (i.e., the number of standing structures).

h. This section will include references to site numbers, photographs, and field notes obtained during the study, plus the location where they are permanently housed.

i. Summary of Regional History: This section will discuss the regional cultural development, from the protohistoric period through the 1930's, in their spatial and chronological position.

j. Investigation Results: This section should describe the historical resources encountered in the literature search and survey, with each site discussed as a separate unit. The site description should include the type of structure and the general nature of the site as it existed at the time of the survey. Inventoried sites shall include a site number. Official site designations assigned by an appropriate State agency are preferred. However, if temporary site numbers will be used in either the draft or final reports, they shall be substantially different from the official site designations to avoid confusion or duplication of site numbers.

k. Recommendations: This section should discuss the direct and indirect impacts that the proposed project will have on historical resources. For those sites encountered, the Contractor shall make recommendations for the adequate assessments of those sites considered to have potential for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. This assessment will not proceed to the level described in paragraph 3.06. These recommendations shall include a time and cost estimate. If it is the Contractor's assessment that no significant resources exist in the project areas, the methods of investigation and reasoning which support that conclusion will be presented. If certain areas are not accessible, recommendations will be made for future consideration. If it is found that significant resources do exist in the area, the report will describe the information recovered and where the resources were located, and will assess the extent and potential of the recovered information. Any evidence of historical resources or materials which have been previously disturbed or destroyed will be presented and explained.

l. References: All references must follow the Journal of American History format.

m. Appendix: This section should contain the Scope of Work and the resumes of the Principal Investigator. (State site forms shall also be included as an appendix.)

n. All sites identified in the course of the study, including known sites, will be presented on State site forms as an appendix to the report. Data should also be provided about the present condition of the sites. Known sites shall have their State site forms updated as necessary. All State site forms will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

o. The location of all structures and sites discussed in the text will be shown on 8-1/2- by 11-inch legibly photocopied city maps and will be bound into the report. Project maps shall also be included as part of the contract correspondence showing the relationship of sites to the project areas. All maps will be labeled with a description, a north arrow, a scale bar, and the map source (e.g., the USGS quad name or published source).

p. Failure to fulfill these report requirements will result in the rejection of the report by the Contracting Officer.

7.00 FORMAT SPECIFICATIONS

7.01 Text materials will be typed (single-spaced or space-and-a-half) on good quality bond paper, 8.5 inches by 11.0 inches, with a 1.5-inch binding margin on the left, 1-inch margins on the top and right, and a 1.5-inch margin at the bottom. The report will be printed on both sides of the paper.

7.02 Information will be presented in textual, tabular, and graphic forms, whichever are most appropriate, effective, or advantageous to communicate the necessary information.

7.03 All figures must be readily reproducible by standard xerographic equipment.

7.04 Negatives of all black-and-white photographs contained in the final report must be included so that copies for distribution can be made.

8.00 SUBMITTALS

8.01 The Contractor will submit reports according to the following schedules:

a. Brief Field Report: The original and one copy will be submitted upon completion of field work.

b. Draft Final Report: The original and seven copies will be submitted 62 calendar days after contract award. The Contracting Officer will provide the Contractor with comments on this draft report.

c. Revised Final Report: The original and 15 copies will be submitted 30 calendar days after receipt of all comments by the Contractor. This final report will include appropriate revisions in response to the Contracting Officer's comments.

8.02 The Contractor shall not release any sketch, photograph, report, or other material of any nature obtained or prepared under this contract without specific written approval of the Contracting Officer prior to the acceptance of the final report by the Government.

9.00 METHOD OF PAYMENT

9.01 Requests for partial payment under this fixed price contract shall be made monthly on ENG Form 93. A 10-percent retained percentage will be withheld from each partial payment. Upon approval of the final reports by the Contracting Officer, final payment, including the previously retained percentage, shall be made.

APPENDIX II

Proposal Budget and Resume of Contractor

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS
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8 TO NAME AND ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE JOYCE B. MCKAY P.O. BOX 188 BELLEVILLE, WI 53508	9 DESTINATION (Consignee and address including ZIP code) CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1135 USPO & CUSTOM HOUSE ST. PAUL, MN 55101
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SCHEDULE

11 ITEM NO	12 SUPPLIES/SERVICES	13 QUANTITY	14 UNIT	15 UNIT PRICE	16 AMOUNT
1	HISTORICAL AND STANDING STRUCTURE STUDY OF THE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT AT PORTAGE, WISCONSIN. THE CONTRACTOR WILL PERFORM THE SERVICE OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF WORK.	1	JOB		\$2141.43

Please advise earliest date of delivery as ordered by the Army Corps of Engineers

PRICES QUOTED INCLUDE APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT none % 10 CALENDAR DAYS % 20 CALENDAR DAYS % 30 CALENDAR DAYS % CALENDAR DAYS

NOTE: Reverse must also be completed by the quotr.

18 ADDRESS OF QUOTER (Street, city, county, State, including ZIP Code) Joyce McKay P.O. Box 188 Belleville, WI 53508	19 SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN QUOTATION <i>Joyce McKay</i>	20 DATE OF QUOTATION 9/18/81
	21 SIGNER'S NAME AND TITLE (Type or print) Joyce McKay Historical Archaeologist	22 TELEPHONE NO (include area code) 608-424-6315

BUDGET

Proposed budget for an historical and standing structure
study of the Flood Control Project at Portage, Wisconsin:

Fee: 20 days' research at Portage, Wisconsin and
Madison, Wisconsin at \$90 per day \$1800.00

Expenses:

Milage at \$.15 per mile	44.40
Lodging for 4 days	100.00
Meals	74.00
Photography	38.03
Xeroxing	65.00
Telephone	20.00
Total	341.43

Grand total 2143.43

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce McKay

Joyce McKay
Historical Archaeologist
9/18/81

September 18, 1981
P.O. Box 188
Belleville, Wisconsin 53508

Mr. Richard Lindberg
Department of the Army
St. Paul District
Corps of Engineers
1135 U.S. Post Office and
Custom House
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mr. Lindberg:

Enclosed is a response to the Request for Quotations for the Flood Control Project at Portage, Wisconsin (NCS-ED-ER-R-1091) which includes the cover sheet, budget, and vitae. I have noted that section 8.01b of the scope of work has been changed to read: "The original and seven copies will be submitted 62 calendar days after contract award." And, section 8.01c now reads 120 days instead of 30 days for the deadline of the final report.

The work necessary to complete the project was assessed according to the guidelines set by the scope of work and from the advice of John Afinson. In our telephone conversation of September 17, 1981, he stressed the need for historical research and a much less detailed architectural survey for this phase I project. The budget reflects this orientation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joyce McKay

Joyce McKay
Historical Archaeologist

VITAE

Joyce B. McKay
P.O. Box 188
Belleville, Wisconsin 53508

Personal Data

Birthdate: September 22, 1948
Birthplace: White Plains, New York
Married; two children

Education

Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, New York, 1962-1966

Denver University, 1966-1968

Major: Anthropology

Courses: North American archaeology, North American ethnology, and physical geography

Indiana University, 1968-1970

Degree: Bachelor's

Major: Anthropology

Courses: Physical anthropology, two museum studies courses, three American history courses, American folklore, and physical geology

Cooperstown Graduate Programs, 1970-1971

Degree: Master's

Major: History Museum Training

Courses: American architecture, American decorative arts, American folklife, folklore, folklife research, history research, folk technology, two exhibition courses, museum administration, and a photography practicum

Research project: An Archaeological Survey at Cantitoe Corners, Bedford, New York

This paper was offered as a guide in archaeological surveying techniques for amateur archaeologists.

Brown University

Degree: Doctorate (A.B.D.)

Major: Anthropology

Specialization: Historical archaeology and eastern North American archaeology

Courses: Introduction to archaeology, special problems in archaeology (artifact analysis), two reading courses in archaeology (historical archaeology and archaeological techniques including surveying, conservation, and photography), ethnohistory, North American archaeology, vernacular architecture in America, experimental archaeology (excavation and the study of artifacts in America), and two courses in statistics

Teaching Experience: Teacher's Assistant in cultural anthropology and North American ethnology
Proposed Dissertation: Architecture As An Archaeological Art

Field Work

Post Quiaatnon, West Lafayette, Indiana, under Dr. James Kellar of Indiana University, 1968
Trent Site, Cambrev, Ontario, under Dr. Peter P. Pratt of the State University of New York at Oswego, 1970
Mott Farm Project, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, under Dr. James J. Deetz of Brown University, 1973
Fort Shirley, Heath, Massachusetts, Historical Archaeologist Specialist under Dr. Michael Coe of Yale University, 1974
Austin-Whittemore House, Vermillion, South Dakota, co-director, 1975-1976
Terrace Hill, greenhouse, Des Moines, Iowa, Site Supervisor for the Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa City, 1978-1979

Working Experience

Laboratory Assistant at Indiana University Museum, Bloomington, Indiana, 1969 (Responsibilities: artifact conservation, cataloging, and storage)
Consultant for the Walworth Museum, Saratoga, New York, 1972 (Responsibilities: cataloging the archives)
Consultant for the Bethlehem Historical Society, Delmar, New York, 1972 (Responsibilities: cataloging collections)
Archaeologist employed by Orrin Bullock, consultant for the Preservation Society of Newport County, Newport, Rhode Island, 1973 (Responsibilities: Historical archaeology prior to restoration)
Historical Archaeologist at the Historic Preservation Center, Vermillion, South Dakota, 1974-1976 (Major responsibilities: the creation of a state-wide survey plan of historical archaeological sites for the National Register and environmental impact assessments for the National Forest Service in the Black Hills which required local historical research and site surveys)
Archaeological Consultant for Adrian Anderson, Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa City, 1977 (Responsibilities: writing a report for the Iowa Natural Resources Council explaining the necessity for cultural resource studies in resource development plans)
Historical Archaeological Consultant for Dr. David Benn, Department of Anthropology, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 1977 (Responsibilities: analysis of artifacts found during a survey conducted near Muscatine, Iowa)
Historical Archaeological Consultant for Muscatine Power and Water, Muscatine, Iowa, 1978 (Responsibilities: local historical research and site survey for an environmental impact assessment)

Historical Archaeological Consultant for the Office of the State Archaeologist, Iowa City, Iowa 1978 (Responsibilities: local historical research and site survey for a pilot survey of the Crow Creek River Basin, Scott Co., Iowa)

Historical Archaeological Consultant for the Department of Conservation, Springfield, Illinois, 1978-1979 (Responsibilities: the conservation, cataloguing, and analysis of artifacts from four excavations at Bishop Hill, Illinois)

Site Supervisor, Terrace Hill archaeological site, Des Moines, Iowa for the Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa City, 1978-1979 (Responsibilities: supervisor of excavations, artifact cataloguing, conservation, and analysis)

Consultant for Tom McKay, Property Development Specialist, Montauk, Clermont, Iowa, 1980 (Responsibilities: cataloguing artifacts from Gardner's Cabin, Arnold's Park, Iowa)

Archaeological Consultant for Wainwright Planning of Montgomery, Alabama, 1980 (Responsibilities: an historical, architectural, and archaeological survey and site assessment of two tracts of land in Cherokee and Knoxville, Iowa)

Professional Societies

The Society for Historical Archaeology
The Society for American Archaeology
The Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology
National Trust for Historic Preservation
American Society for Conservation Archaeology

Publications and Lectures

"A Theoretical Approach to Historical Archaeology" in the Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology, Papers, volume 9: 129-140

The Meaning of History in Historical Archaeology, lecture for the Society for Historical Archaeology, 8th Annual Meeting, January 10, 1975, Charleston, South Carolina

"The Coalescence of History and Archaeology" in Historical Archaeology, volume 10: 93-99

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APPENDIX III
Interim Report

Survey of Ward I, Portage, Wisconsin

Field Report

Work accomplished through October 16, 1981:

Historical Research in Madison

1. Research at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

a. Archives and Manuscripts

The archives contained a large collection of maps depicting Ward I, Portage which date from the building of Fort Winnebago into the early twentieth century. The manuscripts were limited mainly to reminiscences of important citizens of Portage, often including large sections not dealing with Portage. These works were inventoried.

b. Visual Materials

This section of the State Historical Society contains some nineteenth and early twentieth century photographs of Portage. Many of these photographs were duplicated by the large collection held by the Portage Free Library.

c. The Historical Society Library

Works here included secondary histories, nineteenth and early twentieth century works as well as more recent ones; early primary materials reprinted in the society's collections; census materials; and three Portage and Columbia County directories.

d. The Microfilm Section

The population and manufacturing census from 1880 to 1900 and early newspapers are on microfilm. Only a few selected articles referenced in bibliographies or the card catalogue received attention because of the large amount of time required to systematically comb the numerous newspapers printed at Portage.

e. Historic Preservation

The state inventory, sites on the National Register, and three studies done in the area of Ward I by Philip Salkin, Jeff Brandon, and George Bartnick were made available.

2. University of Wisconsin Libraries

The main catalogue listings at the Memorial Library located most of its materials at the State Historical Society. The Memorial Library itself contained little material pertinent to the project. The Geology and Biology Libraries offered environmental data which will be incorporated into the report.

Historical Research in Portage

1. Field Survey

Each street within the survey area was walked to inventory approximately 224 structures and sites dating between initial settlement and 1930. Each structure was located on a field map, briefly described, and typed. The few sites on the National Register of Historic Places and in the state inventory and those listed in the scope of work were inspected. This survey required about two and a half days.

2. Portage Free Library

The library offered only a few published works dealing with the history of Portage. It did have four directories, a few maps, a large collection of photographs of Portage, and several vertical file drawers of unpublished material of varying quality. Because of the immense amount of material which was often not useful or very reliable, the later collection was not thoroughly studied.

3. The Columbia County Courthouse and Portage City Hall

They both possessed a few maps documenting the platting of the City of Portage, probably displaying the original ward boundaries. Later, more intensive studies of individual properties might utilize the land records which were largely indexed by grantee-grantor indices. The tract index began only in the early twentieth century.

4. Local Historical Societies

a. Columbia County Historical Society

Located in Pardeeville, the Columbia County Historical Society, founded only recently in 1973, possessed a few maps of Portage and some nineteenth and early twentieth century photographs. To date, the historical society has preserved little written materials pertaining to Portage.

b. Lodi Valley Historical Society

The Lodi Valley Historical Society, located in Lodi, has no materials relating to the history of Portage.

c. The Poynette Area Historical Society

The Poynette Area Historical Society of Poynette could not be contacted.

d. Portage Canal Society

Mrs. Fredricka Kleist of the Portage Canal Society offered definite opinions about which sites in Ward I were worthy of preservation. At this time, her lawyer is holding all the historical materials collected by the society to aid in a determination of the ownership of the canal and its surrounding lands. She offered her assistance and the use of the society's materials during later phases of the study.

5. Oral Interviews

The primary goal of the interviews was to achieve an understanding of what sites the community deemed significant. Participants included Mrs. Fredricka Kleist, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright, Mr. David Bennet, and Mr. Paul Dolton.

Remaining Work

Research yet to be accomplished includes the study of the 1880, 1890, and 1900 censuses, some business directories, and a few histories and maps at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Much of the historical material describes the early history of Portage. An understanding of the settlement history of the second half of the nineteenth century should be gained from an analysis of the census records, business directories, and maps ranging in date from 1868 to 1929. The final report will incorporate all periods of settlement in Ward I.

Conclusion

At this stage in the investigation, data point to three potentially significant areas:

1. a small industrial area along the canal,
2. a few scattered residential areas, and
3. an historical archaeological area related to Fort

Winnebago southwest of the fort and the Fox River. The earliest town site along the Wauona Trail near the Wisconsin River appears much altered by later development. Making evaluation difficult, even the areas singled out above for consideration suffer from alterations and intrusions.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce McKay

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Historical Archaeologist
October 21, 1981

APPENDIX IV
State Inventory Site Forms

Correlation Between State Inventory Numbers
and Survey Number System¹

Site	1981 Survey	State Inventory
Surgeon's Quarters	142	none
Fort Winnebago	142	none
Old Indian Agency House	144	40
Fox-Wisconsin Portage	218	none
Portage Canal	217	82
323 East Edgewater	111	45
210 Dewitt	98	161
Riverside Park	42	113
Epstein Brewery	113	46
Plank Road Tollgate House	43	43
County Fairground Grandstand	164	41
212 to 216 West Wisconsin	96-97	112

¹Note that site inventory forms are located in the pocket with map 2 because they can not be bound into the report without covering data on the left margin.

Film Roll:

Community or Town:

CITY OF PORTAGE

Date:

12/3/81

Map Reference:

Frederick A. Baertler, City of Portage, 1901
Portage, pub. by City of Portage, 1901

Surveyor:

George McKay

Neg. No.	Address/Location:	Historic Name:
none	102 West Edgewater	
		Date & Source:
		1894-1901
	T 12 N; R 9 E; S 34 A 24 A, Section 2	
	Bldg. Name Use:	Architect & Source:
	dwelling	unknown
Map No.	Stories:	Roof:
	one	pyramid roof
		Foundations:
		rubble stone
72	Style:	Owner:
	"vernacular":	unknown
	one story, square cottage	
	Frame:	
Orientation:	Special Features:	Comments:
	There is a mix of stylistic features vernacular houses common to Portage	Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1894, 1901.
	from different periods built at one time; a	Building chosen as one of a number of
	notable life peaked dormer, Queen Anne Style (vet) National Register districts.	for consideration in the creation of
Neg. No.	Address/Location:	Historic Name:
none	220 Brooks Street	
		Date & Source:
		1890-90
	T 12 N; R 9 E; NE A 24 A, Section 2	
	Bldg. Name Use:	Architect & Source:
	dwelling	unknown
Map No.	Stories:	Roof:
	1 3/4-1	gable
189		Foundations:
		concrete block
	Style:	Owner:
	"vernacular"	unknown
	2 story ell	
	Exterior:	
	frame and clapboard	
Orientation:	Special Features:	Comments:
	An ell shaped house with a 1 3/4	Harrison and Warner, Atlas of
	story main section and a 1 story wing with a	Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M.
		Foot & Co., Flatbook of Columbia County,
		Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one
		of a number of vernacular houses common
		to Portage for study
Neg. No.	Address/Location:	Historic Name:
23 31	263 West Edgewater	
		Date & Source:
		1850-70, probably closer to 1870
	T 12 N; R 9 E; NW A 24 A, Section 2	
	Bldg. Name Use: dwelling	Architect & Source:
		unknown
Map No.	Stories:	Roof:
	1 1/2	pyramid roof
		Foundations:
		cut stone
85	Style:	Owner:
	vernacular:	unknown
	one story, square ect:	
	local cream brick	
Orientation:	Special Features:	Comments:
	Segmental arch over windows,	Harrison and Warner, Atlas of
	Italianate bay elaborated with brackets, peaked	Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873.
	dormer on roof on two sides.	Building chosen as one of a number of
		vernacular houses common to Portage for
		consideration in the creation of
		National Register districts.

Town: <input type="checkbox"/> Village: <input type="checkbox"/> City: <input type="checkbox"/> Portage Map Reference: Frederick A. Mendenhall, City of Portage, 1903; City of Portage, 1903; City of Portage, 1903 Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>		Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Source: <input type="checkbox"/>
Map Number: <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Name/Use: dwelling	Address/Location: 505 East Cook (moved from area of #147 on the west side of the junction of Highway 11 and the Fox River) SW 1/4, T12N, R9E, S1E, Section 5 Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1847-48 Architect or Builder/Source: Built for Henry Merrill Comments/Bibliographic References: A.L. Turner, <i>Men of Early Day at Winnebago, Portage, 1903</i> ; 27; Wisconsin State Register, 6/13/1874. The building was chosen as part of a potential multiple resource nomination illustrating the early development of Portage. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Map Number: 126 Date: 147 Name/Use: dwelling	Style: Greek Revival temple Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: A full two story, temple shaped house whose gable faces the street. Rectangular overlight and sidelights around the front door. Second floor windows directly under the eaves. Cornice returns across the front gable. Orientation: facing N.W.	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1890-1910 Architect or builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: C.M. Foote & Co., <i>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890</i> ; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Map Number: 133 Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Name/Use: dwelling	Style: "vernacular": two story, ell Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: the ell shaped house has a 1 3/4 main section with a 1 story wing. Cement block foundation. Gabled, peaked lintels over upstairs windows. (S.S.) Orientation:	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1890-1910 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: C.M. Foote & Co., <i>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890</i> ; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Map Number: 136 Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Name/Use: dwelling	Address/Location: 507 East Edgewater SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 5, T12N, R9E, S1E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1890-1910 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: C.M. Foote & Co., <i>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890</i> ; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		12/1/81
Map Reference: Frederick A. Haerter, City Engineer, DOT <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1913. Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Surveyor: Joyce McKay
Reg. Number 323	Address/Location: 323 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1894-1901 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 111 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Style "vernacular": one story ell Exterior: local cream brick Special Features: A 1 1/2 story ell shaped house with a coursed stone foundation. Segmental arched windows. Two bay windows decorated with cast-iron brackets and there is shingling in their gables. Eastlake type porch.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1894, 1901. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation: Facing N.W.		National Register Potential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number none	Address/Location: 311 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1910-1919 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 108 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Style "vernacular": one story, square house Exterior: brick Special Features: one story, squarish house with a coursed stone foundation. Segmental arches over molded lintels. Shingled, peaked dormer in the center of the front facade.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1901, 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation:		National Register Potential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number none	Address/Location: 313 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1901-1910 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 109 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Style "vernacular": 1 story, square house Exterior: frame Special Features: 1 1/2 story pyramid roof, squarish house with a cement block foundation. A later porch covers the front facade. No elaborations visible.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1901, 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation:		HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage Map Reference: Frederick A. Haerter, City Engineer, DGT <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1970. Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12/3/81 Surveyor: Joyce McKay
Reg. Number 3: 0-1 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 312 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1919-1929 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 103 Orientation: Facing S.	Style: "vernacular" Neo-classical Exterior: brick Special Features: A nearly square, two story house with a tile, pyramid roof. Large roof overhang. Rectangular cement lintels. 3/1 or 6/1 panes in windows. Cement block foundation.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1919, 1929. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 324 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 106 Orientation:	Style: "vernacular" two story ell Exterior: frame Special Features: An ell shaped house with a 1 3/4 main section and a 1 story wing. Cement block foundation.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number 3:2 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 317 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 110 Orientation: Facing N.W.	Style: "vernacular" Greek Revival temple Exterior: frame and asbestos siding Special Features: A 1 1/2 story temple whose gable end faces the street. An ell at the rear. It has cornice returns and a later Eastlake, c. 1890's porch.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		12/3/81
Map Reference: Frederick A. Mörter, City Engineer, DOT <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1978. Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Surveyor Joyce McKay

Neg. Number 314 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 327 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1870-90 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 112 Orientation: facing N.	Style: "vernacular" 2 story ell Exterior: local cream brick Special Features: A 1 3/4 story ell with stone foundation. Label molding above the windows. Italianate style bay with brackets and porch as well as Italianate sidelights and over-light around the front door.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1894. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Neg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 304 East Edgewater and Adams Streets NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 101 Orientation:	Style: "vernacular": one story ell Exterior: local cream brick Special Features: An ell with a 1 1/2 story main section and a 1 story wing. Segmental arches over the door and windows.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
		National Register Potential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number 10-1 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 306 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1919-29 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 102 Orientation: facing S.	Style: "vernacular" two classical Exterior: brick Special Features: A nearly square, two story house with a pyramid roof. Large roof overhang. Rectangular cement lintels. 3/1 or 6/1 panes in windows. Cement block foundation.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1919, 1929. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
		HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		Date: 12/3/61 Surveyor: Joyce McKay
Map Reference: Frederick A. Jaeger, City Engineer, City of Portage, pub. by City of Portage, 1978. DOT <input type="checkbox"/> USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Neg. Number none	Address/location: 417 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1919-1929, probably closer to 1929 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 114	Style: bungalow Exterior: frame Special Features: The gable of the 1 1/2 story, rectangular house as well as the porch faces the street. Rectangular bay along the side. Window panes are 3/1. Poured cement foundation.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1919, 1929. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential
Orientation:		
Neg. Number none	Address/location: 423 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: c. 1930 Architect or builder/Source: unknown
Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 115	Style: Bungalow Exterior: frame Special Features: The gables of the 1 1/2 story rectangular house and its porch face the street. Poured cement foundation. Window panes are 3/1. Jenkin's head roof. Brackets occur along the side, acting as an extension of the rafters. Stick decoration in gable of porch.	Comments/Bibliographic References: The structure was not shown on the Sanborn Map and Publishing Company's 1929 map. It was probably built shortly after its publication. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential
Orientation:		
Neg. Number none	Address/location: 431 East Edgewater NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1890-1910 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 116	Style: "vernacular"; 1 story square house Exterior: frame Special Features: A 1 1/2 story, squarish house with a pyramid roof. Molded lintels. Peaked dormer on front facade.	Comments/Bibliographic References: C.M. Fort & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, WI, 1890; Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential
Orientation:		

Community of Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		177081 Surveyor Frederick A. Haefter, City Engineer, City of Portage, pub. by City of Portage, 1978 Joyce Morris
Reg. Number 2134	Address/Location: Corner of Dewitt and East Edgewater Streets NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: commercial building, Paramount Pharmacy	Historic Name/Source: commercial Date/Source: c. 1902 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Assuming that the cast iron front is an original part of the building, the date was derived from the building itself. The Sanborn Map and Publishing Co. map dates it between 1894 and 1901. Unrelated to other buildings in the survey area, this structure was not recommended for further study for this project.
Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 98	Style: Exterior: brick Special Features: Two story, flat roof building with dentil cornices under its eaves and a cast iron front with fluted pillars stamped "Portage Iron Works/1902"	National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number none	Address/Location: 318 East Edgewater NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 105	Style: "vernacular" one story ell Exterior: frame with later siding Special Features: One story ell with brick foundation. No visible elaborations.	National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number 315	Address/Location: 401 East Edgewater and Jefferson Streets NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: commercial building Portage Magnetic and Electric Service	Historic Name/Source: Henry Epstein Brewery Date/Source: company founded at this location in 1849. Architect or Builder/Source: probably Henry Epstein had the building built. Comments/Bibliographic References: C.W. Butterfield, The History of Columbia County, 1880: 633-36; Portage Daily Register, 9/3/1919. Because of the alteration of the standing building and the destruction of the rest of the complex, the site was not recommended for further study.
Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 113	Style: Exterior: rubble stone and brick Special Features: Two story, flat roof building with the 1st story of rubble stone and the 2nd of brick. Segmental arches over windows. Appears to have undergone considerable modification. Associated complex of buildings torn down.	National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>

Form HP-11		Community or Town: <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Portage		Date: 12/3/81
		Map Reference: Frederick A. Haerter, City Engineer, BOI <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1978. Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Surveyor: Joyce McKay
Reg. Number	Address/Location: 254 West Edgewater		Historic Name/Source:	
none			Date/Source: 1850-70	
	NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling			
Map Number	Style: "vernacular"	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments/Bibliographic References:	
75	1 house		Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873.	
	Special Features: 1 3/4 story, 1 room deep, 2 room wide, rectangular house with rear lean-to. Cement block foundation. Centered front door. Gothic/Italianate-like peaked, centered front dormer with rounded-top windows and keystone arch.		Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.	
Orientation			National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Reg. Number	Address/Location: 301 West Edgewater		Historic Name/Source:	
none			Date/Source: 1894-1901	
	NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling			
Map Number	Style: Queen Anne	Exterior: frame and a later siding	Comments/Bibliographic References:	
84			Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1894, 1901.	
	Special Features: Like many Queen Anne houses built from pattern books in an urban setting, this example is basically a full 2 story, long, narrow rectangle with its narrow side facing the street. It has multiple, high peaked roofs. A late Eastlake porch to the side. Cement block foundation.		Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.	
Orientation			National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Reg. Number	Address/Location: 264 West Edgewater		Historic Name/Source:	
none			Date/Source: 1894-1901	
	NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling			
Map Number	Style: "vernacular";	Exterior: frame with later siding	Comments/Bibliographic References:	
73	1 story square cottage		Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1894, 1901.	
	Special Features: Actually, more rectangular in shape, the 1 1/2 story house has a hipped roof and a rear ell. Molded lintels. Gothic-like peaked gable in the center of the front facade. Cement block foundation.		Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular house common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.	
Orientation			HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Name/Number: 2: 32		Address/Location: 216 Cook Street NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 7, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: bar/restaurant		Historic Name/Source: commercial uses Date/Source: 1880's Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number: 96 Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Style: Italianate Exterior: cream brick Special Features: A two story, flat roof commercial building with rounded, stilted-arched windows, dentil work, and a second story bay. The first story facade is altered extensively.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1885, 1889. Because of the extensive alteration of the building, it was not recommended for further consideration for the National Register.	
Orientation: facing S.W. National Register Potential <input type="checkbox"/>					
Map Number: 65 Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 117 Mullett Street NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: Food Co-operative		Historic Name/Source: Portage Woolen Mill Date/Source: prior to 1894 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number: 65 Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Style: Commercial building Exterior: local cream brick Special Features: A one story building with its gable facing the street. Segmental arches over the windows and doors. Coursed stone foundation.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1894. Area not shown by earlier maps. Because the area has been so disturbed by recent building, the structure was not recommended for future study.	
Orientation: facing W. National Register Potential <input type="checkbox"/>					
Map Number: 56 Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 260 Cook Street and Lock Street. NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 7, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number: 56 Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Style: "vernacular" one story ell Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: One story ell with brick foundation. Neo-classical porch later added to the front.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.	
Orientation: National Register Potential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				HP-02-11(4-30-80)	

Neg. Number none		Address/Location: 407 Wisconsin Street NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 9 E. Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 41		Style: "vernacular" temple Greek Revival Exterior: frame and clapboards Special Features: 1 3/4 story house whose gable end faces the street with an ell at the rear. Door placed toward one side of the structure. Cement block foundation. Fastlake porch added to the front.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> . Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.	
Orientation facing W.				National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number 3: 22		Address/Location: 221 Mullett Street and Thompson Street. NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 9 E. Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 219		Style: "vernacular" 1 story, rectangular cottage Exterior: frame and asbestos siding Special Features: One story, 1 to 2 room rectangular house with a rear ell. Centered front door. Coursed stone foundation. Cornice returns on each side.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.	
Orientation facing W.				National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number 2: 17-18		Address/Location: 131 Mullett Street NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 9 E. Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 (approximate) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 64		Style Greek Revival Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: 1 1/2 story house (temple section) whose gable end faces the street. There is a side wing which may be original. Coursed stone foundation. Cornice returns on the temple.		Comments/Bibliographic References: No maps clearly show the structure. The Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873 shows a house in its general vicinity. Because the area has been so disturbed by recent building, the house was not recommended HP-02-11(4-30-80) for further study.	
Orientation facing W.				National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>	

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		Map Reference: Frederick A. Haerter, City Engineer DOT <input type="checkbox"/> USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1970.		Surveyor: Joyce McKay

Reg. Number none	Address/Location: 139 Mullett Street on the southeast side of the Portage Canal. NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: Sunnyside Feed Mill		Historic Name/Source: R.B. Wentworth Grain Elevator Date/Source: The company was founded at its present location in 1862. Elevator could date as early as 1868. Architect or Builder/Source: R.B. Wentworth
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Map Number 214	Style: Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features:	Comments/Bibliographic References: A. Rugen, <u>Bird's Eye View of Portage</u> , 1868; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1885; L.H. Chapin, <u>Portage City Directory</u> 1870; C.W. Butterfield, <u>The History of Columbia Co., Wis.</u> , 1880: 633-36. Because setting of feedmill altered, not recommended for further study. National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>
Orientation			

Reg. Number 3: 13-28	Address/Location: 115 Mullett Street along the southeast side of the Portage Canal. NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: Portage Hoisery Company		Historic Name/Source: Portage Hoisery Company Date/Source: The company established in 1878; began building on present site in 1881. Architect or Builder/Source:
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Map Number 215	Style: 3 commercial buildings Exterior: Special Features: Three buildings of the complex pre-date 1930: the yarn and knitting rooms (1881), warehouse (1912), and washhouse (1924). No elaborations observed.	Comments/Bibliographic References: J.E. Jones, <u>A History of Columbia Co., Wis.</u> , 1914: 203-05; Federal Writer's Project, <u>American Guide Series: Portage</u> , 1938:52; <u>Portage Daily Register</u> , 1909; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1885, 1929. Because of alterations of its present context, site not recommended for further study. National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>
Orientation			

Reg. Number 21: 42	Address/Location: 212 Cook Street near Wisconsin NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 7, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: Furniture stripping		Historic Name/Source: commercial uses Date/Source: 1880's Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Map Number 97	Style: altered Exterior: cream brick Special Features: A two story, flat roof, commercial building. Front facade altered.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1885, 1889. Because of the extensive alteration of the building, it was not recommended for further consideration for the National Register. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>
Orientation Facing S.W.			

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		Map Reference: Frederick A. Baerter, City Engineer, DOT <input type="checkbox"/> USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of Portage, 1978.		Surveyor: Joyce McKay

Reg. Number: 2: 13	Address/Location: 106-120 Dodge Street		Historic Name/Source: probably the only remaining building of the Portage Iron Foundry.
	NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		Date/Source: While the company was formed in 1863, the building was probably not built prior to the 1880's.
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: Industrial building now owned by Ray Golz & Son, Commercial Refrigeration		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number: 56	Style	Exterior: Local cream brick	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1894; L.H. Chapin, Portage City Directory, 1870; C.W. Butterfield, The History of Columbia Co., Wis., 1880: 633-36. Because much of the original complex appears to be gone, the building was not recommended for further study.
Orientation:	Special Features: A one story building whose gable end faces the street. The lintels are segmental arches with rounded windows. Rounded window in gable end.		National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>

Reg. Number: none	Address/Location: 221 Brady Street		Historic Name/Source:
	NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		Date/Source: 1870-90
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number: 201	Style: "vernacular" 1 house	Exterior: frame and espostos siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation:	Special Features: A two story, one room deep, two rooms wide, rectangular house with rear ell. Gothic-like peak in center of front facade. Bay widow on the side.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Reg. Number: none	Address/Location: 225 Brady Street and Townsend		Historic Name/Source:
	NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		Date/Source: 1870-90
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number: 202	Style: "vernacular" 2 story ell	Exterior: frame and espostos siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration HP-02-11(4-30-80) in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation:	Special Features: 1 3/4 story main section with a one story wing. No elaborations.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Form R-117		Community or Town Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		Date: 12/3/81
		Map Reference: Frederick A. Haerter, City Engineer, DOT <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1978. Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Surveyor: Joyce McKay

Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 128 Brady and Thompson Streets		Historic Name/Source:
	NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		Date/Source: 1870-90
	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 36	Style: "vernacular" 1 house	Exterior: frame and asbestos siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation:	Special Features: 1 3/4 story, one room deep, two rooms wide, house with rear ell. Gothic-like peaked dormer in center of front facade. Coursed stone foundation.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number 2: 2	Address/Location: 130 Thompson Street and Pauquette Street		Historic Name/Source:
	NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		Date/Source: 1850-70
	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 36	Style: "vernacular" 1 house	Exterior: frame and aluminum siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular structures common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation: facing S.E.	Special Features: A 1 3/4 story, 1 room deep, 2 rooms wide, rectangular house with lean-to addition. A Gothic-like, peaked dormer in the center of the front facade with a more Italianate-like rounded window. Coursed stone foundation.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number 2: 11-12	Address/Location: 110 Dodge Street		Historic Name/Source: T.H. Cochrane Warehouse
	NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		Date/Source: 1901-1910
	Name/Use: Industrial building owned by Custom Screen Process Printin.		Architect or builder/Source: unknown
Map Number	Style:	Exterior: frame and tar paper	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, 1901, 1910. Because of its spacial context, i.e., few buildings of its type built in its era of construction, it was no felt to be significant enough for further study. HP-02-11(4-30-80)
Orientation: facing N.	Special Features: Large, two story industrial building.		National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>

Form HP-11 Community of Portage Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		Date 12/3/81
Map Reference DOT <input type="checkbox"/> Frederick A. Haertel, City Engineer, USGS <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1976.		Surveyor: Joyce McKay
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 204 Brady Street and Thompson Street NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1870-90 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 198	Style: "vernacular" 1 house Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: 1 3/4 story, 1 room deep, 2 room wide house with rear ell. Molded lintels. Gothic-like dormer in center of front facade. Rubble stone foundation.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. The building is considered too isolated from houses of its period to merit National Register potential status. National Register Potential: <input type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 201 Brady Street NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-70 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 199	Style: "vernacular" 1 house Exterior: frame and aluminum siding Special Features: 1 3/4 story, 1 room deep, 2 room wide house with rear ell. Molded lintels. Gothic-like dormer in center of front facade. Rubble stone foundation.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. The building is considered too isolated from houses of its period to merit National Register potential status at this time. National Register Potential: <input type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 215 Brady Street NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1870-90 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 200	Style: "vernacular" one story ell Exterior: frame and aluminum siding Special Features: One story, ell-shaped house with rubble stone foundation. No elaborations.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration HP-02-11(4-30-80) in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Map Reference: Frederick A. Hartner, City Engineer, DOT <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1978, Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Surveyor Joyce McEay			
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 113 Brady Street			Historic Name/Source:	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E			Date/Source: 1870-90	
Map Number 30	Name/Use: dwelling			Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Orientation	Style: "vernacular" 1 story, rectangular Cottage Exterior: frame and asbestos siding Special Features: One story, 1 to 2 room, rectangular house with a gable roof whose eaves parallel the street. Wing and bay added later. Cement block foundations. No elaborations.			Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 117 Brady Street			Historic Name/Source:	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	N 1/4, N 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E			Date/Source: 1870-90	
Map Number 31	Name/Use: dwelling			Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Orientation	Style: "vernacular" 1 story, rectangular Cottage Exterior: frame with asbestos siding Special Features: One story, 1 to 2 room, rectangular house with a gable roof whose eaves parallel the street. Ell at rear. Front door close to center. No elaborations.			Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number 2: 0-1	Address/Location: 121 Brady Street			Historic Name/Source:	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E			Date/Source: 1870-90	
Map Number 32	Name/Use: dwelling			Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Orientation Facing W	Style: "vernacular"; 1 story, square house Exterior: brick Special Features: Nearly square, 1 story, pyramid roof house with rear ell. No elaborations.			Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873 and C.M. Foote & Co., Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Neg. #11 none Color <input type="checkbox"/>		Community of Portage Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage Map Reference: Frederick A. Richter, City Engineer, Port <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, pub. by City of OS&S <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1978		Date: 12/3/81 Surveyor: Joyce McKay	
Neg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 128 Brady Street and Thompson Street NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: dwelling/store Date/Source: 1870-90 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 36		Style: "vernacular" 1 house Exterior: frame and asbestos siding Special Features: 1 3/4 story, 1 room deep, 2 room wide, rectangular house with rubble stone foundation. Gothic-like peaked dormer in the center of the front facade. An ell to the rear with a false front at its end.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 129 Brady Street NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1870-90 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 33		Style: "vernacular" 1 house Exterior: frame covered with a later siding Special Features: Two story, 1 room deep, 2 room wide, rectangular house with a gable roof whose eaves parallel the street. Central front door. Ell at rear. No elaborations.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote, <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 124 Brady Street NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1870-90 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 35		Style: "vernacular" 1 house Exterior: frame Special Features: 1 3/4 story, 2 room wide, 1 room deep, rectangular house with rear ell. Centered front door. No elaborations.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote, <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Neg. No. none	Address/Location: 124 Brady Street		Historic Name:
	T 12 N, R 9 E, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 8		Date & Source: 1870-90
	Bldg. Name/Use: dwelling		Architect & Source: unknown
Map No. 35	Stories: 1 3/4	Roof: gable eaves parallel street	Foundations: covered Owner: unknown
	Style: "vernacular": 1 house	Exterior: frame	Comments: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote, Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage.
Orientation:	Special Features: No elaborations. Two room wide, one room deep, rectangular house with centered front door and rear ell.		
Neg. No. 1: 19	Address/Location: 109 Brady and Wisconsin		Historic Name:
	T 12 N, R 9 E, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 8		Date & Source: probably 1910-1930
	Bldg. Name/Use: dwelling		Architect & Source: unknown
Map No. 29	Stories: one	Roof: Jenkins head roof facing street	Foundations: concrete Owner: unknown
	Style: bungalow	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments: Not recorded on the last 1929 Sanborn Paris map so that the structure probably dates c. 1930 or the building was omitted from the map. Too isolated from structures of its period to merit National Register potential.
Orientation:	Special Features: Neo-classical type front porch facing N.W.		
Neg. No. none	Address/Location: 204 Brady Street and Thompson Street		Historic Name:
	T 12 N, R 9 E, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 8		Date & Source: 1870-90: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, WI, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co. 1890.
	Bldg. Name/Use: dwelling		Architect & Source: unknown
Map No. 198	Stories: 1 3/4	Roof: gable roof eaves parallel street	Foundations: rubble stone Owner: unknown
	Style: "vernacular" 1 house	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments: Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular structures common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts.
Orientation:	Special Features: One room deep, two room wide house with centered front door. Only elaboration is a Gothic-like centered peaked dormer on front facade.		

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Neg. Number	Address/Location: 417 Thompson Street and Brooke		Historic Name/Source:
none			Date/Source:
	NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		1870-90
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source:
			unknown
Map Number	Style: "vernacular"	Exterior:	Comments/Bibliographic References:
190	1 story, rectangular	frame and clapboard	Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote and Company, <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890.
Orientation:	Special Features: A one story, rectangular, 1 to 2 room house with several ells added to the rear. Eaves of a gable roof parallel the street. The front door is centered. Rubble stone foundation. No elaborations.		Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number	Address/Location: 118 Washington Street		Historic Name/Source:
1:17			Date/Source:
	SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		1850-70
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source:
			unknown
Map Number	Style: "vernacular"	Exterior:	Comments/Bibliographic References:
18	1 story rectangular	frame and clapboard	Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873.
Orientation:	Special Features: One story, 1 to 2 room house with gable roof paralleling the street. Ell to the rear. Pediment found over one side window (Greek Revival flavor).		Although the dwelling served as a good example of its type, houses surrounding it are not representative of its era. Therefore, it was not recommended for further study at this time.
facing S.E.			National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number	Address/Location: 260 Cook Street and Lock		Historic Name/Source:
none			Date/Source:
	NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E		1850-70
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source:
			unknown
Map Number	Style: "vernacular"	Exterior:	Comments/Bibliographic References:
86	one story ell	frame and clapboard	Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873.
Orientation:	Special Features: One story ell with brick foundation. Lean-to at rear and a later, early 20th century porch added to the front. No elaborations.		Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Neg. Number	Address/Location: 212 Washington Street		Historic Name/Source:
none			Date/Source: 1870-90
	SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number	Style: "vernacular": 2 story ell	Exterior: frame with asbestos siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote and Co., <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
184	Special Features: Ell shaped house. Both wings 1 3/4 stories. Cement block foundations. No elaborations visible.		
Orientation:			
Neg. Number	Address/Location: 204 Washington Street and Thompson Street.		Historic Name/Source:
none			Date/Source: 1870-90
	SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number	Style: "vernacular": 1 story, rectangular cottage	Exterior: frame and aluminum siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote and Co., <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
185	Special Features: 1 story, 1 or 2 room house with gable roof paralleling the street and rear ell. Brick foundation. Approximately centered front door. No elaborations.		
Orientation:			
Neg. Number	Address/Location: Near the southeast corner of Townsend and Brooke Streets.		Historic Name/Source:
none			Date/Source: 1870-90
	NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number	Style "vernacular" 1 story rectangular cottage	Exterior: frame and aluminum siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873; C.M. Foote and Company, <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of N.R. districts. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
193	Special Features: One story, 1 or 2 room, rectangular house with rear lean-to. Front door centered. Gable roof parallels the street. Cement block foundation. No elaborations.		
Orientation:			

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		Map Reference <input type="checkbox"/> DOT <input type="checkbox"/> USGS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Portage, 1906</u>		Surveyor Steve McKay
Neg. Number 1: 5-6	Address/Location: On the south side of Wisconsin Street at the juncture of Ontario along the Wisconsin River NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 9, T 12 N, R 9 E			Historic Name/Source: Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Tollgate House Date/Source: ca. 1852
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Tollgate House			Architect or Builder/Source: Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company
Map Number 43	Style:	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments/Bibliographic References: Fort Winnebago and Duck Creek Plank Road Company Papers, 1851-1874 in Manuscript Collection, State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The building has been moved several times and one wing which may have been original was torn off. Now located across street from original location. Supported by local citizens. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Register Potential	
Orientation: facing N.W.	Special Features: Now a one story, single room edifice marking the northern terminus of the plank road which ran south from Pauquette St. to south of Duck Creek (along route 51 in Portage).			
Neg. Number 2:3	Address/Location: along the Wisconsin River south of Wisconsin Street near its juncture with Pauquette Street. SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E			Historic Name/Source: Riverside Park shelter
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: shelter in Riverside Park			Date/Source: ca. 1934
Map Number 42	Style:	Exterior: log gable supported by cement block pillars	Comments/Bibliographic References: Portage High School, "Portage Historical Reminiscences," 1949-1951: 29-30, housed at the Portage Free Library. This park shelter does not appear to have National Register significance.	
Orientation: facing S.W.	Special Features: Its sign states "WHERE THE NORTH BEGINS"			National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 218 Washington Street SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E			Historic Name/Source:
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Name/Use: dwelling			Date/Source: 1870-90
Map Number 183	Style "vernacular": 1 house	Exterior: frame and asbestos siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873, Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. HP-02-11(4-30-80)	
Orientation:	Special Features: 1 story, rectangular, 2 room wide, one room deep house with rear ell. Front rooms are unequal in width. 2 front doors. No elaborations.			National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Neg. Number 3:15		Address/Location: At end of Old Indian Agency Road near juncture of Portage Canal and Fox River. NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 33, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: Lock Tender's House for Portage Canal		Historic Name/Source: Lock Tender's House Date/Source: probably 1876-78 Lock Tender's Log kept at Surgeon's Quarters Architect or Builder/Source: possibly Army Corps of Engineers	
Map Number 145		Style Exterior: frame with clapboard Special Features: Small, about 8' x 8', 1 room, 1 story building with gable roof.		Comments/Bibliographic References: The Corps rebuilt the canal between 1876-78. Lock tender's house may have been erected then. Site designated by local residents.	
Orientation facing N.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Neg. Number 3:16		Address/Location: East side of Superior, north of Center, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 4, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: Wisconsin Central Depot		Historic Name/Source: Wisconsin Central Depot Date/Source: c. 1876 when railroad completed Architect or Builder/Source:	
Map Number 162		Style: Gothic flavor Exterior: frame with board & batton siding Special Features: brackets under roof, label moldings, overlight above door.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Jones, James E., A History of Columbia County, 1914: 102. The railroad ran between Portage and Lake Superior to service the pineries. Building is now part of the Thermagon Co. in a modern commercial/industrial area.	
Orientation facing N.E.		National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>			
Neg. Number none		Address/Location: Corner of Wauona Trail and Center Street SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 8 E Name/Use: marker to commemorate the crossing of the Fox-Wisconsin portage by Marquette and Jolliet		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1905 Architect or Builder/Source: Wau-bun Chapter, D.A.R.	
Map Number 216		Style: Exterior: stone Special Features: It states: "This tablet marks the place near which Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet entered the Wisconsin River June 14, 1673/Erected by Wau-bun Chapter, D.A.R. 1905"		Comments/Bibliographic References: The marker is presently on the National Register with the Wauona Trail. The area is paved and built-up.	
Orientation		HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input type="checkbox"/>			

1:10-11 NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 112 Michigan between Wisconsin and Thompson Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2:8 NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling Color: <input type="checkbox"/>		Address/Location: 111 Pauquette between Wisconsin and Thompson Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1918-1929 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1918, 1929. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49 Style: bungalow Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: 1 1/2 story rectangular house whose eaves face the street. Porch across the front. A large dormer in the center of the front facade. Rafters extended under the eaves. Window panes 3/1. Orientation: N.E.		Address/Location: northwest corner of Superior and Townsend Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1850-1870 (no source) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Maps failed to depict the house. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
168 Style: "vernacular": 1 story rectangular Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: 1 1/2 story rectangular house with ell at the rear and a rubble stone foundation. Molding and corner board. Orientation:		Address/Location: 112 Michigan between Wisconsin and Thompson Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 115 Superior between Thompson and Wisconsin SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 14	Style: "vernacular": one story ell	Exterior: frame	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.
Orientation:	Special Features: 1 story ell shaped house with rubble stone foundation. Molding board.		
National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 317 Washington between Coit and Townsend NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1850-1870 (no source) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 178	Style: "vernacular": one story ell	Exterior: painted brick	Comments/Bibliographic References: Maps failed to depict the house. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.
Orientation:	Special Features: 1 story ell shaped house with a lean-to at the rear and a brick foundation. Watertable. Segmental arch over the windows.		
National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 304 East Edgewater near Adams. NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 107	Style: "vernacular": 1 house	Exterior: Portage cream brick	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1873. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular house type.
Orientation:	Special Features: A 2 story rectangular house whose eaves face the street with an ell at the rear. Coursed stone foundation. Segmental arches over the windows. Small portico around the front door.		
HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Form #11 Community of Town Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage Map Reference: Frederick A. Haerter, City Engineer, DOT <input type="checkbox"/> City of Portage, Pub. by the City of USGS <input type="checkbox"/> Portage, 1978. Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date: 3/12/81 Surveyor: Joyce McKay
Reg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 26 Orientation:	Address/Location: 501 East Wisconsin and Brady SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 2, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling Style: "vernacular"; two story ell Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: Ell shaped house with a 2 story main section and a one story wing. Molding and cornice boards.	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1873-1890 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Flat Book of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 157 Orientation:	Address/Location: 1001 Wauona Trail at Whitney SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 4, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling Style: "vernacular"; two story ell Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: Ell shaped house with a two story main section and wing on the left side and a 1 story wing on the right. Molding and corner boards. Cement block foundation.	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1860-1880 (no source) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Maps fail to depict houses in this area. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 158 Orientation:	Address/Location: East end of Whitney Street SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 4, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling Style: "vernacular"; two story ell Exterior: Portage cream brick Special Features: Ell shaped house with a two story main section and a 1 story wing. Segmental arches over the windows. Steeply pitched gable roof. Watertable.	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1860-1890 (no source) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Maps fail to depict the houses in this area. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Form R-11		Community or Town Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portage		Date 3/12/81
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Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 315 Washington between Colt and Townsend NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N, R. 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1850-1870 (no source) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>				
Map Number 177	Style: "vernacular"; 1 house	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments/Bibliographic References: The maps fail to show the buildings in the area. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Orientation	Special Features: 1 3/4 story rectangular house whose eaves face the street with a lean-to partially covering the rear. A peaked dormer is placed in the center of the roof. Molding board. The foundation is covered.			
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 111 Michigan between Wisconsin and Thompson SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N, R. 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: probably 1850-1870 (no source) Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>				
Map Number 10	Style: "vernacular"; two story ell	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments/Bibliographic References: The maps failed to show houses in this area. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Orientation	Special Features: An ell shaped house with a 1 3/4 story main section and a 1 story wing. Stone foundation. Molding and corner boards.			
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 324 West Edgewater near MacFarlane NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N, R. 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1910-1918 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>				
Map Number 68	Style: bungalow bungalow	Exterior: frame with clapboard and shingling	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd. 1910, 1918. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Orientation	Special Features: 1 1/2 story rectangular house whose eaves parallel the street. Shingling on the top half and clapboards on the bottom. Dormer located in the center of the front facade. Neoclassical porch with rounded pillars across front.			

Neg. Number none		Address/Location: 529 East Edgewater SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 5, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1890-1910 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 125		Style: "vernacular" 2 story ell Exterior: frame and aluminum siding Special Features: The ell has two 1 3/4 story wings on a cement block foundation. Eastlake porch. Queen Anne type bargeboard in the gable.		Comments/Bibliographic References: C.M. Foote & Co., <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potentialx	
Neg. Number none		Address/Location: 502 East Edgewater SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 5, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1890-1910 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 121		Style: "vernacular"; 2 story ell Exterior: frame and asbestos siding Special Features: The ell has a 1 3/4 main section with a 1 story wing and a cement block foundation. No elaborations visible.		Comments/Bibliographic References: C.M. Foote & Co., <u>Platbook of Columbia County, Wisconsin</u> , 1890; Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1910. Building chosen as one of a number of vernacular houses common to Portage for consideration in the creation of National Register districts. National Register Potentialx	
Neg. Number 1: 19		Address/Location: 109 Brady St. NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R 9 E Name/Use: dwelling		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: ca. 1930 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 29		Style: bungalow Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: One story, rectangular struc- ture whose gable faces the street. Poured concrete foundation. Jenkins Head roof. Pic- ture window.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1929 The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potentialx	

Form Ref.	County or Town <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Portage	Date 12/5/81
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Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 507 Wisconsin and Brooke		Historic Name/Source:
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	SE <u>1</u> , NW <u>1</u> , Section <u>8</u> , T12 N, R9 E		Date/Source: 1873-1890
Map Number 25	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Orientation:	Style: "vernacular" Greek Revival temple	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison & Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co., Plat Book of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.
	Special Features: Two story house whose gable faces the street. Gable roof. Eastlake porch across the front.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 472 Washington and McPherson		Historic Name/Source:
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	NW <u>1</u> , NE <u>1</u> , Section <u>8</u> , T12 N, R9 E		Date/Source: probably 1850-1870 (no source)
Map Number 171	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Orientation:	Style: "vernacular" Greek Revival temple	Exterior: frame and asbestos siding	Comments/Bibliographic References: The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.
	Special Features: 1 1/2 story structure whose gable faces the street. Gable roof. Cement block foundation. Greek Revival returns. Ell at rear.		National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number none	Address/Location: 323 West Edgewater and MacFarland		Historic Name/Source:
Color <input type="checkbox"/>	NW <u>1</u> , NW <u>1</u> , Section <u>8</u> , T12 N, R9 E		Date/Source: 1918-1929
Map Number 79	Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Orientation:	Style: bungalowoid	Exterior: frame and clapboard	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1918, 1929. The building was chosen as an individ- ually significant example of a vern- acular type.
	Special Features: 1 1/2 story structure whose gable faces the street. Jenkins head roof. Poured cement foundation. Rafter and purlins carried out under the eaves. Porch across the front.		HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Neg. Number 1: 2-3 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 801 Wisconsin and Superior SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E Name/Use: dwelling; also the Columbia Book Keeping Service	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1870 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 1 Orientation: N.E.	Style: "Vernacular" Greek Revival ell Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: 1 1/2 story ell shaped house with stone foundation and gable roof. Molding board. Cornice returns. Watertable. Corner boards. Porch added later.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. The building was chosen as an individually signi- ficant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 245 West Edgewater near Lock NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T 12 N, R9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1910-1918 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 77 Orientation:	Style: bungalowoid Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: 1 1/2 story rectangular structure whose gable faces the street. Gable roof. Cement block foundation. Steep Queen Anne cornice returns. Molding board. Front porch is original.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1918, 1929. The building was chosen as an individually signi- ficant example of a vernacular type. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neg. Number 1:8 Color <input type="checkbox"/>	Address/Location: 115 Wauona Trail between Wisconsin and Thompson SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E Name/Use: dwelling	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1873-1890 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown
Map Number 7 Orientation: N.W.	Style: "vernacular"; Greek Revival ell Exterior: frame and clapboard Special Features: An ell shaped house with 1 3/4 main section and a 1 story wing. Concrete block foundation. Molding and corner boards. Gable and lean-to roofs.	Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873; C.M. Foote & Co. Plat Book of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1890. The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type. HP-02-11(4-30-80) National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Map Number 2:9 Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 52 Orientation N.W.	Address/Location: 119 Pauquette near Thompson NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 9 E. Name/Use: dwelling Style: "vernacular"; Greek Revival ell Exterior: frame with later siding Special Features: Ell shape with a 1 1/2 main section and a 1 story wing. Brick foundation. Cornice returns. Eastlake porch added later. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873</u> . The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.
Map Number none Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 53 Orientation	Address/Location: 123 Pauquette and Thompson NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 9 E. Name/Use: dwelling Style: "vernacular"; Greek Revival ell Exterior: frame Special Features: Ell shaped house with a 1 1/2 story main section and a one story wing. Brick foundation. Cornice returns. A bay added later. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873</u> . The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.
Map Number 2:10 Color <input type="checkbox"/> Map Number 54 Orientation South	Address/Location: 122 Dodge at Mullett and Thompson NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 9 E. Name/Use: dwelling Style: "vernacular"; I house Exterior: Portage cream brick Special Features: 1 1/2 story rectangular house whose eaves face the street. Ell to the rear. Segmental arch over the windows. Water table. A porch added later. National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873 Architect or Builder/Source: unknown Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, <u>Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873</u> . The building was chosen as an individually significant example of a vernacular type.

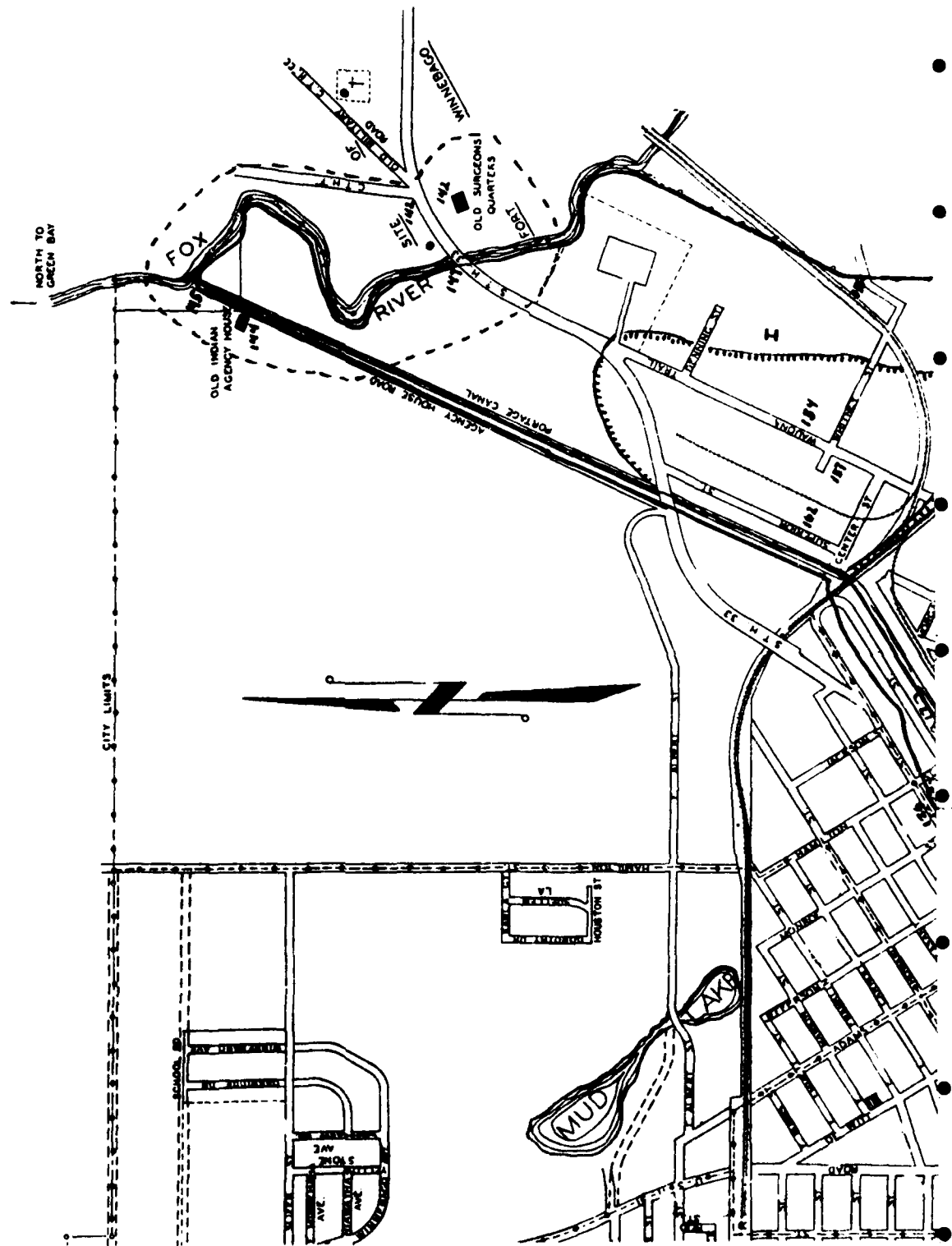
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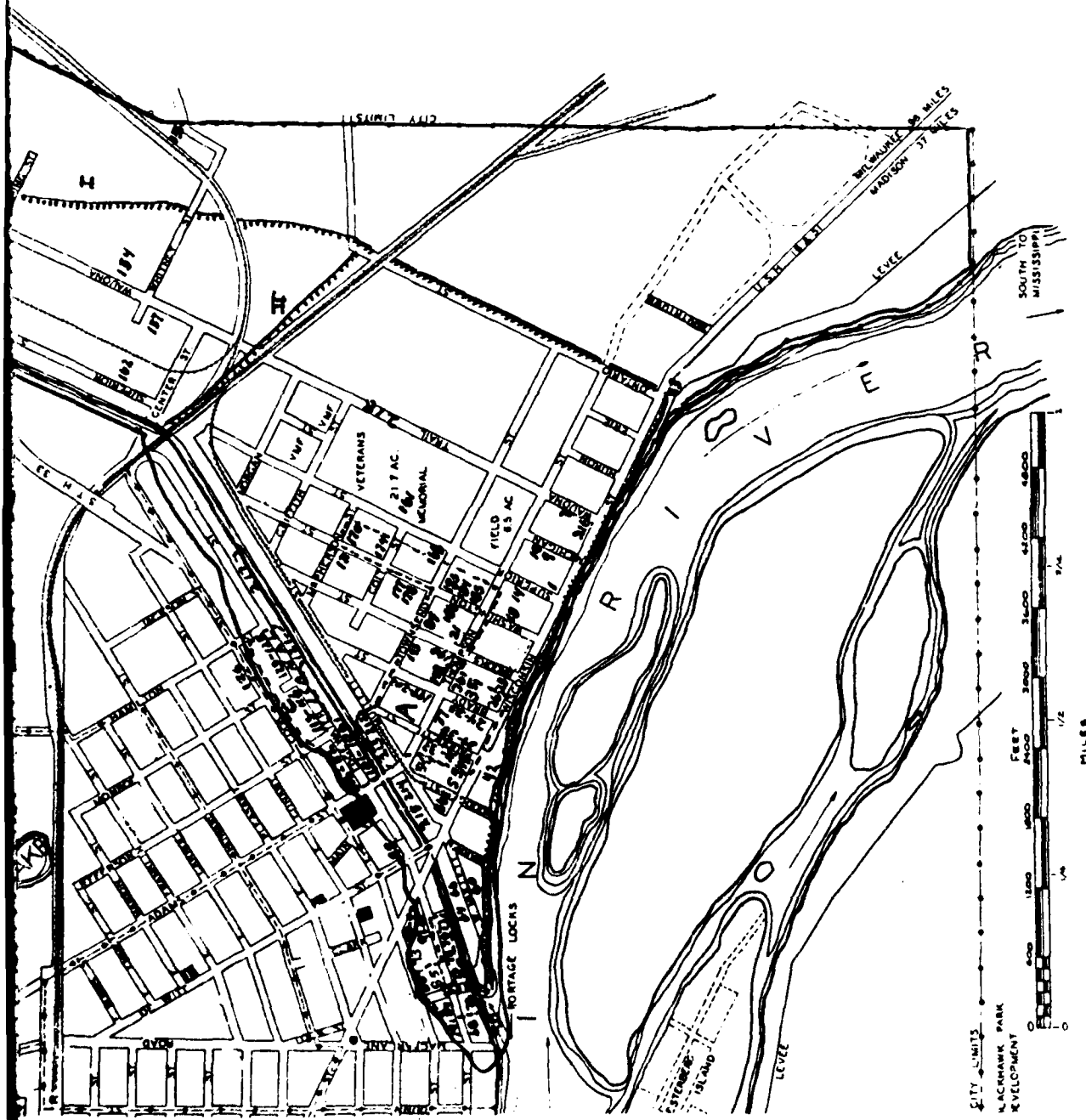
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Neg. Number none		Address/Location: northwest side of Mullett near Townsend (the second house south). NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 8, T12 N, R9 E		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1850-1873	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>		Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 212		Style: "vernacular": two story ell		Exterior: frame and clapboard	
Orientation:		Special Features: Ell shaped house with a two story main section and a one story wing. Rubble stone foundation. Molding and corner boards.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Harrison and Warner, Atlas of Columbia County, Wisconsin, 1873. This building was chosen as an individually significant vernacular house type.	
				National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number none		Address/Location: 122 Mullett, southwest of Wisconsin		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source: 1901-1910	
Color <input type="checkbox"/>		Name/Use: dwelling		Architect or Builder/Source: unknown	
Map Number 60		Style: "vernacular": 1 story square cottage		Exterior: frame	
Orientation:		Special Features: 1 1/2 story squarish shaped house with a hipped roof. Gable in the roof.		Comments/Bibliographic References: Sanborn Map and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1901, 1910. This building was chosen as an individually significant vernacular house type.	
				National Register Potential- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Neg. Number []		Address/Location: 1/4, 1/4, Section , T N, R		Historic Name/Source: Date/Source:	
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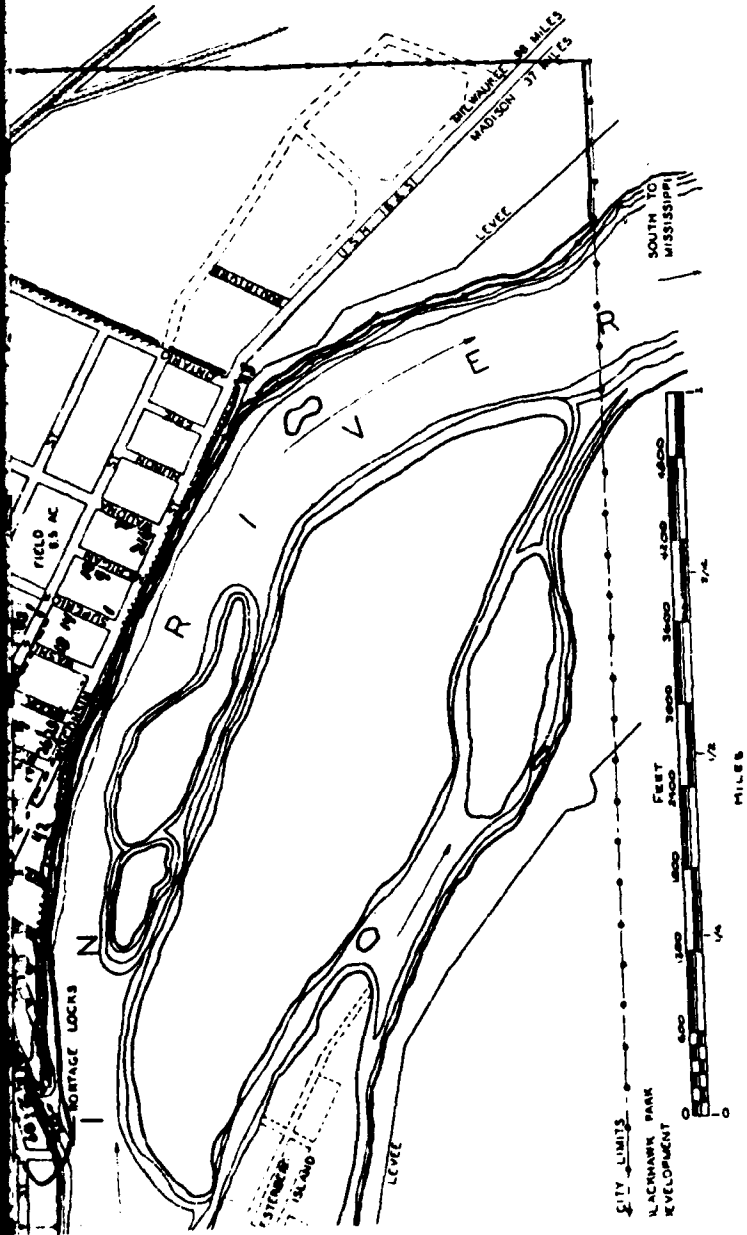
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- City limits
- Ward boundaries
- House or site number
- House numbers 29, 30, 31



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